

# STARBLAZER

SPACE FICTION ADVENTURE IN PICTURES No. 63

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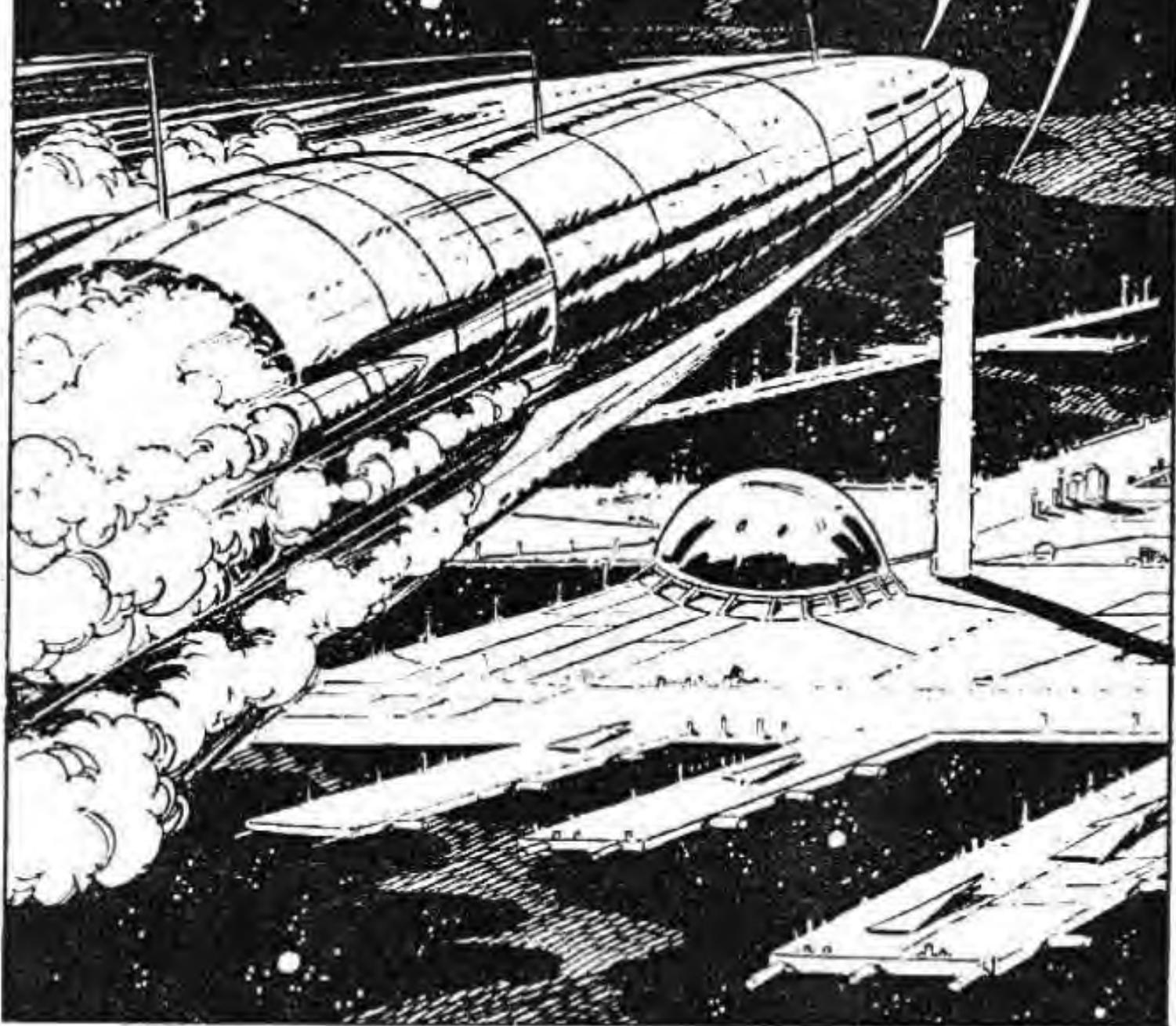
BY THE END OF THE 23RD CENTURY MAN HAD LEFT THE CONFINES OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM TO HEAD AN EMPIRE OF COLONIES AND TRADE ROUTES THAT SPANNED HALF THE GALAXY. THE KEY TO THIS EXPANSION WAS THE FREELANCE SPACER, WHO WOULD TAKE HIS SHIP AND CARGO ANYWHERE IN THE GALAXY FOR A PRICE, EVEN IF THAT PRICE MEANT ENCOUNTERING...

# LORDS OF THE WILDERNESS

A SPACE FREIGHTER NOSED DOWN ONTO A LANDING PLATFORM DEEP IN SPACE.

PLATFORM 7 . . . NOVA ONE.

ACKNOWLEDGED, ALTAIR CONTROL.



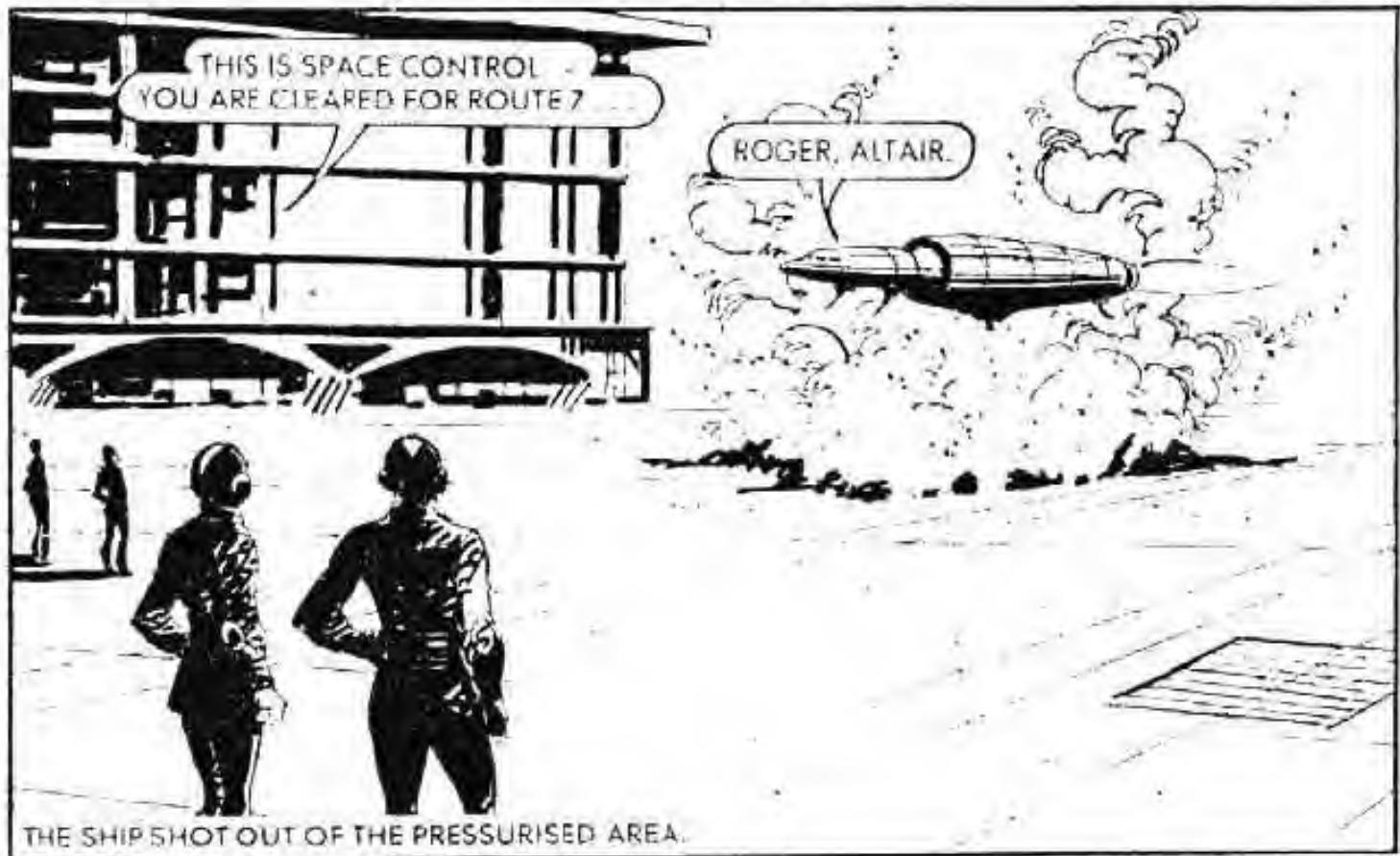
THE PILOT, KRIS ELTON, TURNED NOVA ONE TOWARDS A DOCKING TUBE.

ANY CONTRACTS?

AFFIRMATIVE—DOCK AT BAY 4032.

CAPTAIN ELTON . . . I AM  
THESES OF ACTURIA . . .









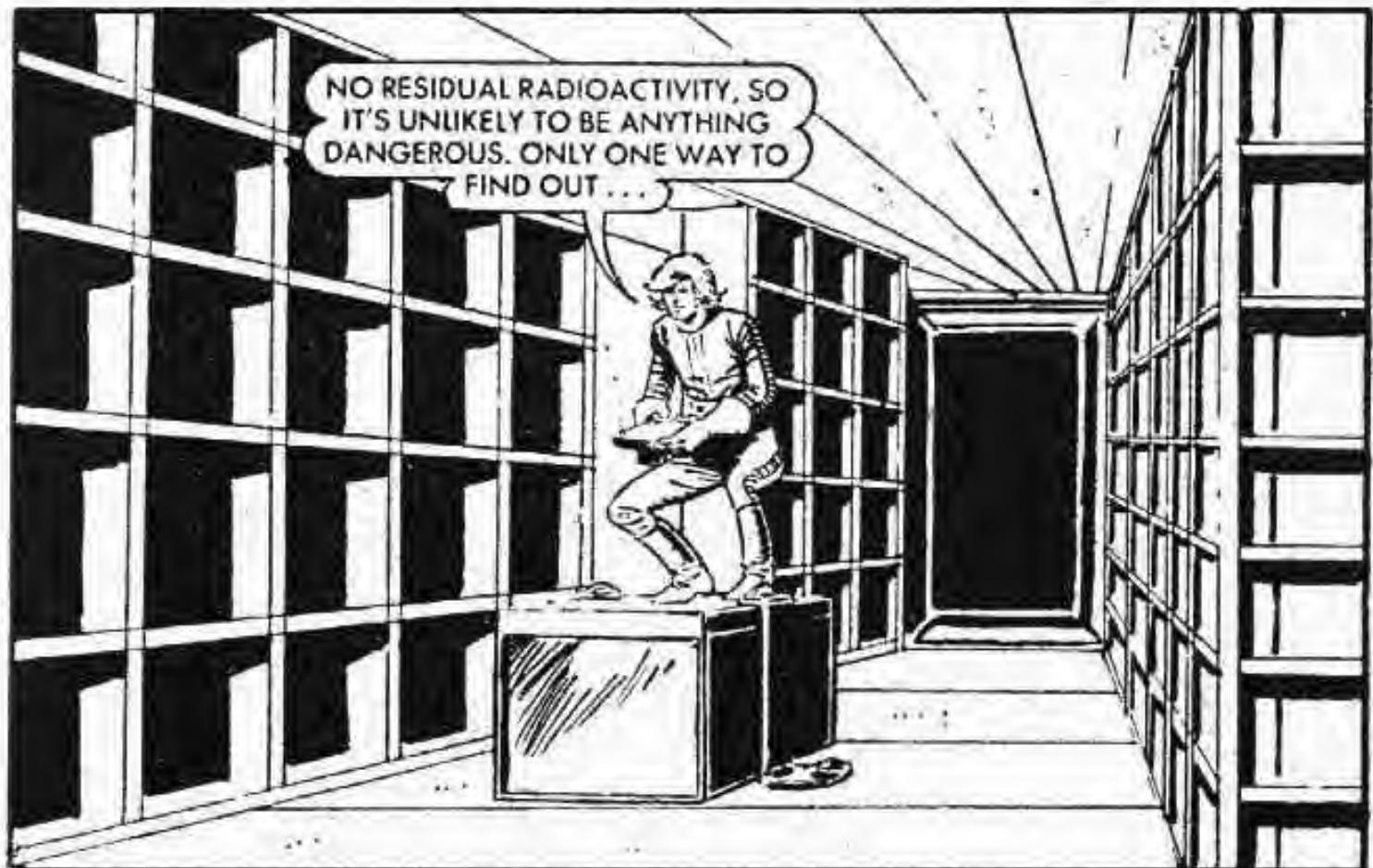
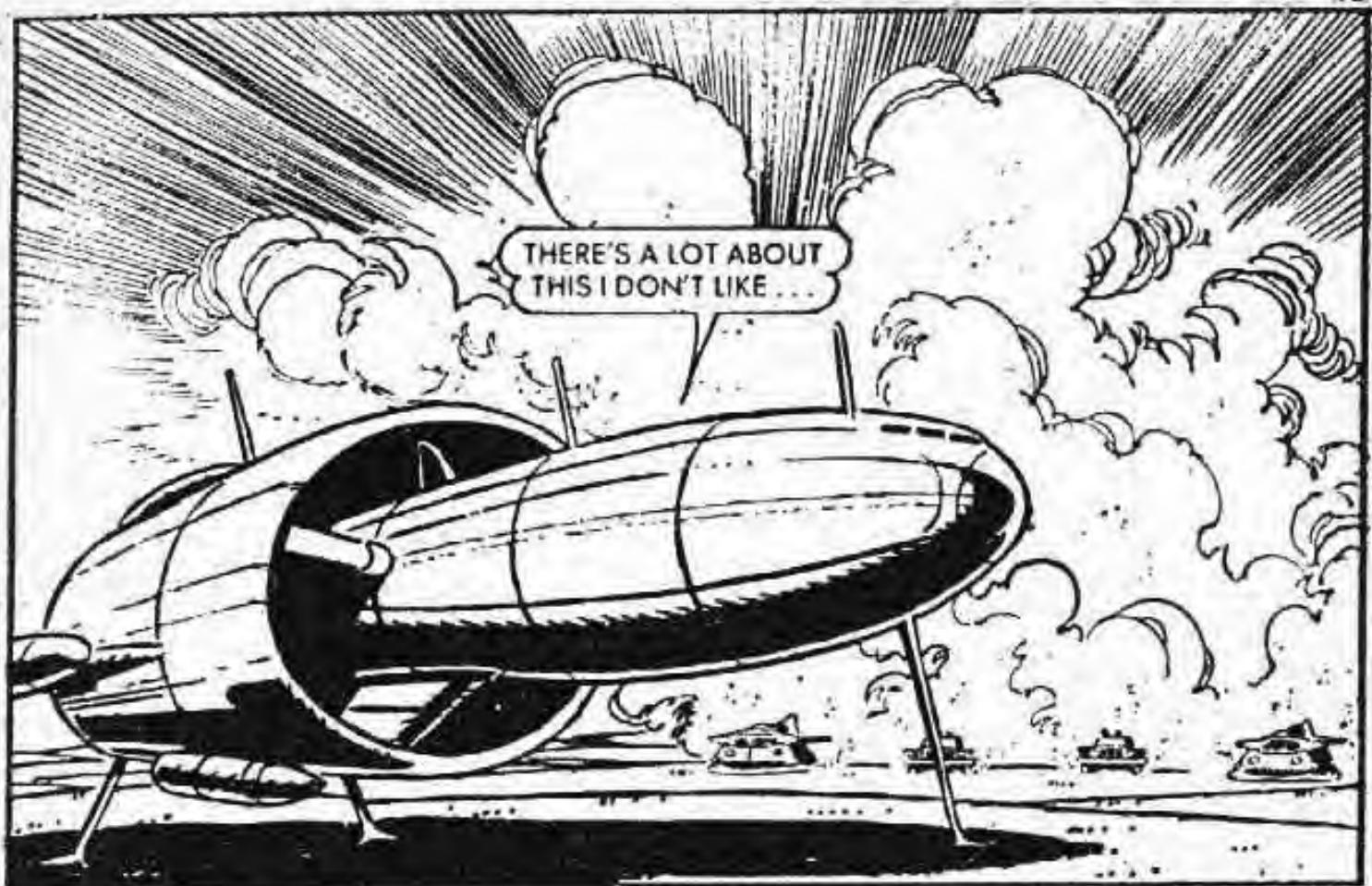


IT CAN'T BE REAL . . . IT'S A  
PROJECTION OF SOME KIND.  
I'M GOING TO FLY STRAIGHT  
THROUGH IT!

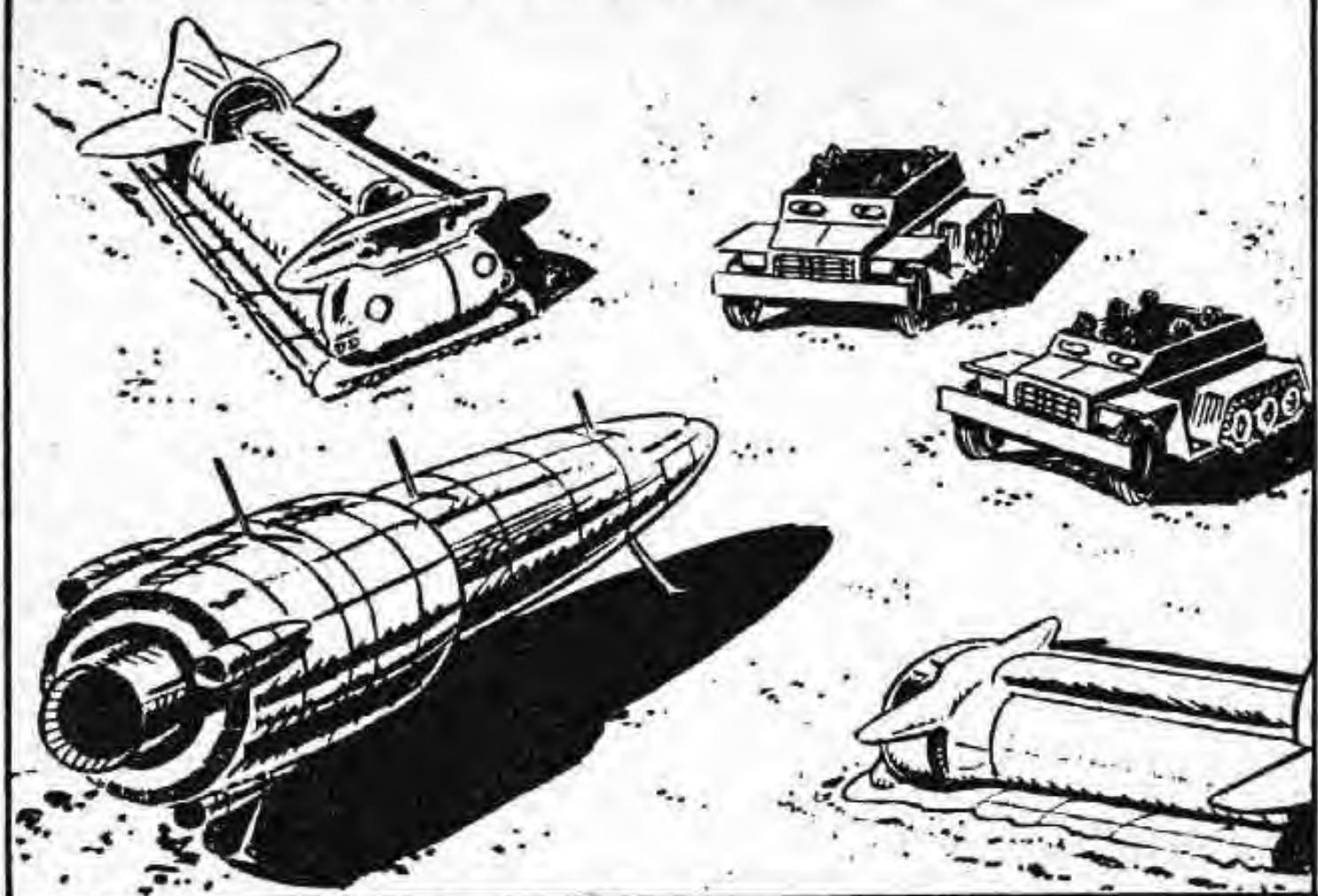








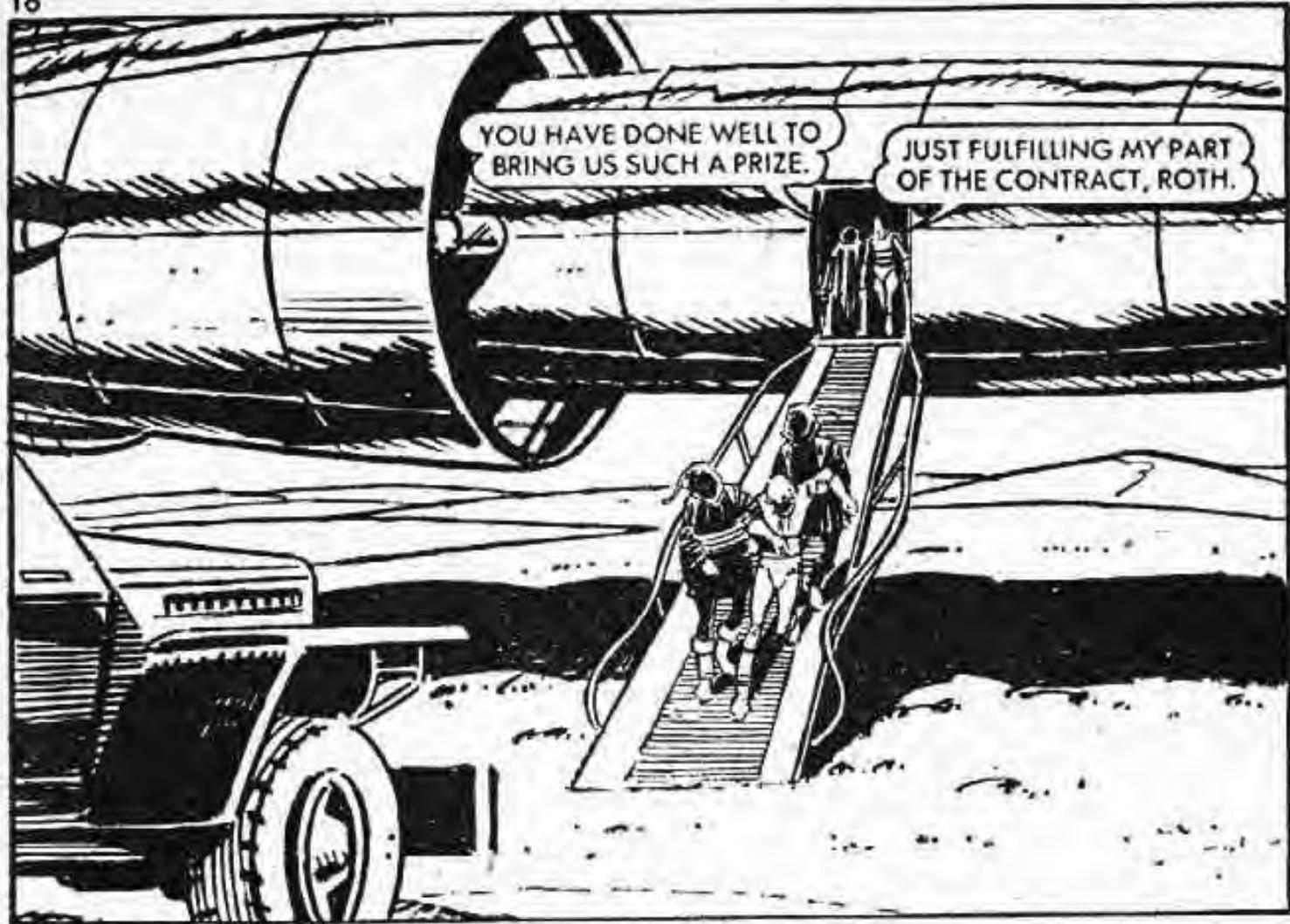
UNKNOWN TO KRIS, THE CRAFT HAD BEEN SURROUNDED.



KRIS PREPARED TO ENTER THE HOLD.



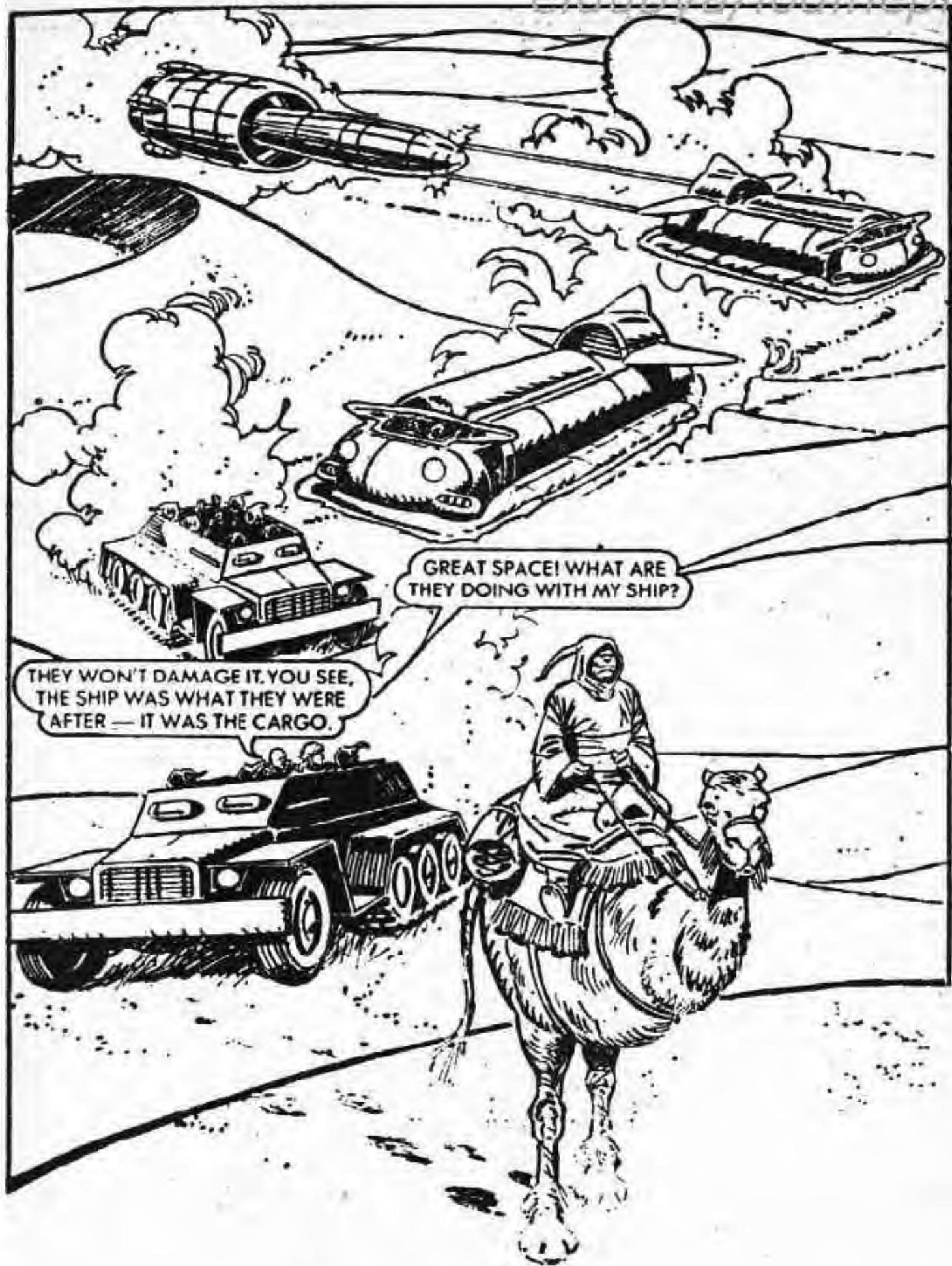




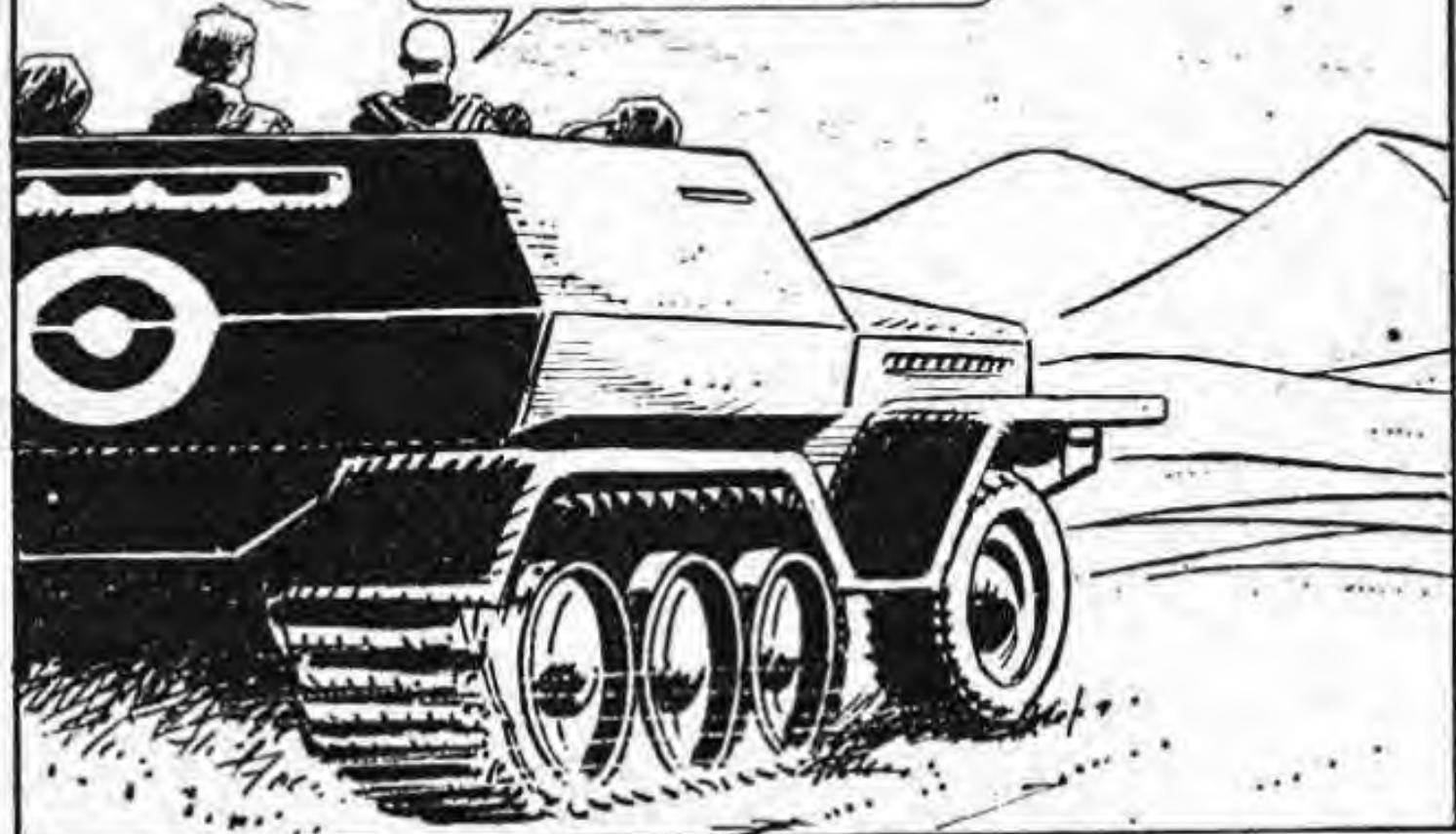
SEVERAL MINUTES LATER, KRIS HAD RECOVERED—

CAPTAIN ELTON—I AM SORRY—MY FRIENDS  
TEND TO BE A LITTLE IMPETUOUS.





THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO, THE DELTANS LOST A WAR WITH A RACE FROM THE ANDROMEDA GALAXY. THE SECRET OF STAR FLIGHT WAS TAKEN FROM THEM AND THEY WERE IMPRISONED ON THIS PLANET BY THE THERMO BELT. A SHORT TIME AGO, I HAPPENED TO PASS THROUGH THIS SECTOR AND PICKED UP ONE OF THEIR SPACE TRANSMISSIONS . . .



... I AGREED TO DELIVER THEM A SHIP CAPABLE OF STAR FLIGHT, AND A PILOT WHO COULD LEAD THEM OUT THROUGH THE FLAME BELT.

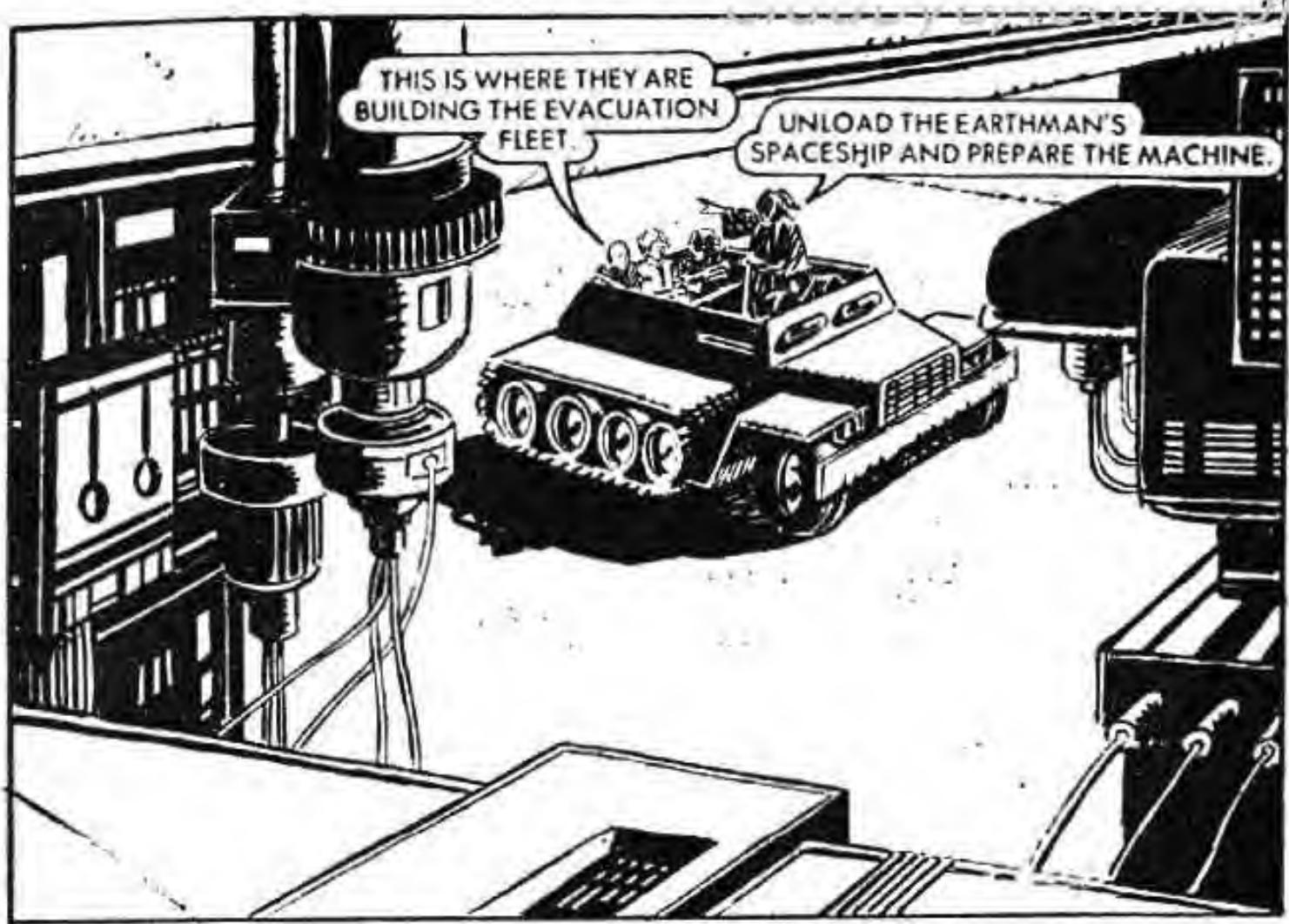
THEN WHAT WILL THEY DO . . . CONQUER THE GALAXY. YOU'RE MAD.





THEY ENTERED A GIGANTIC HANGAR —

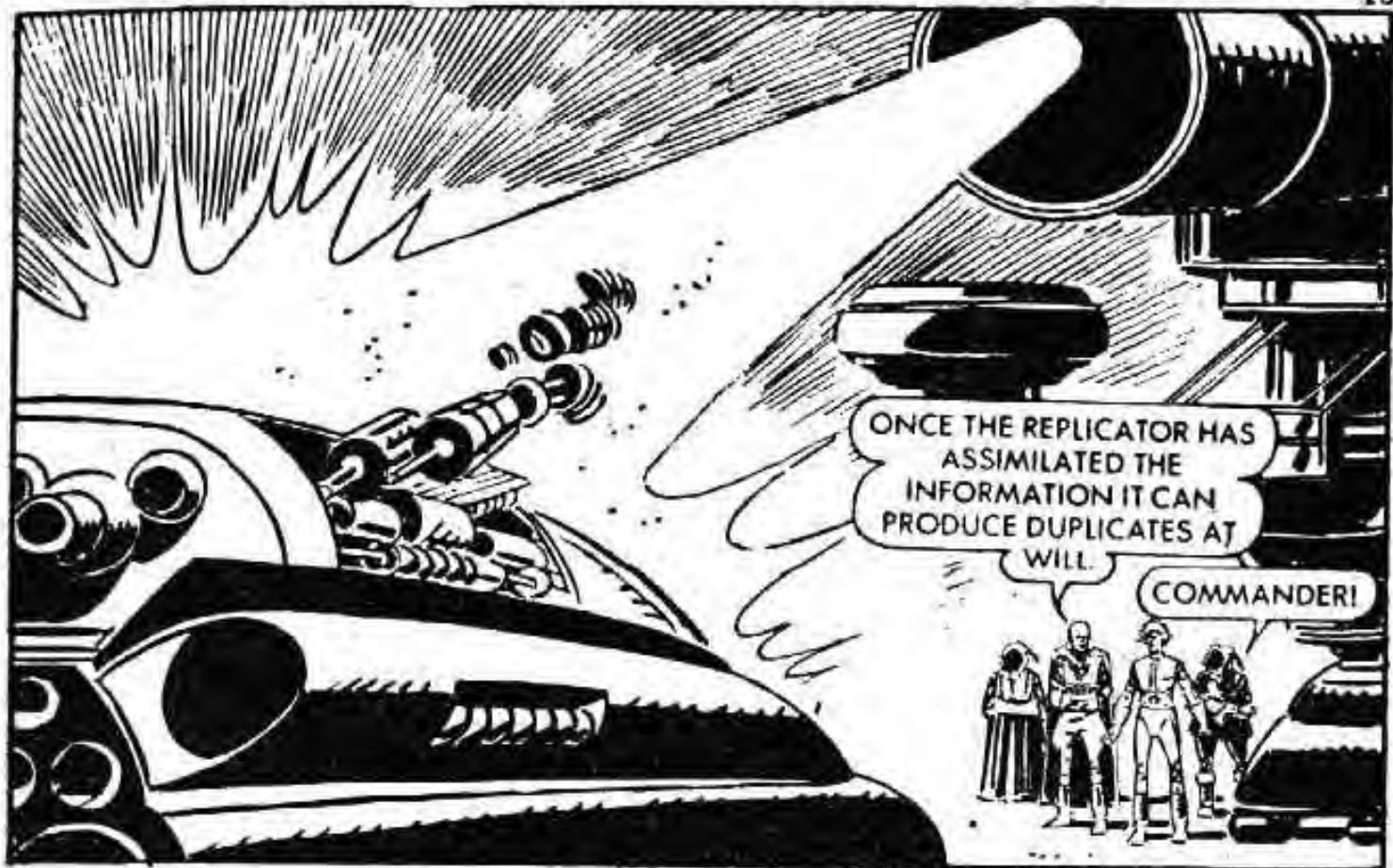


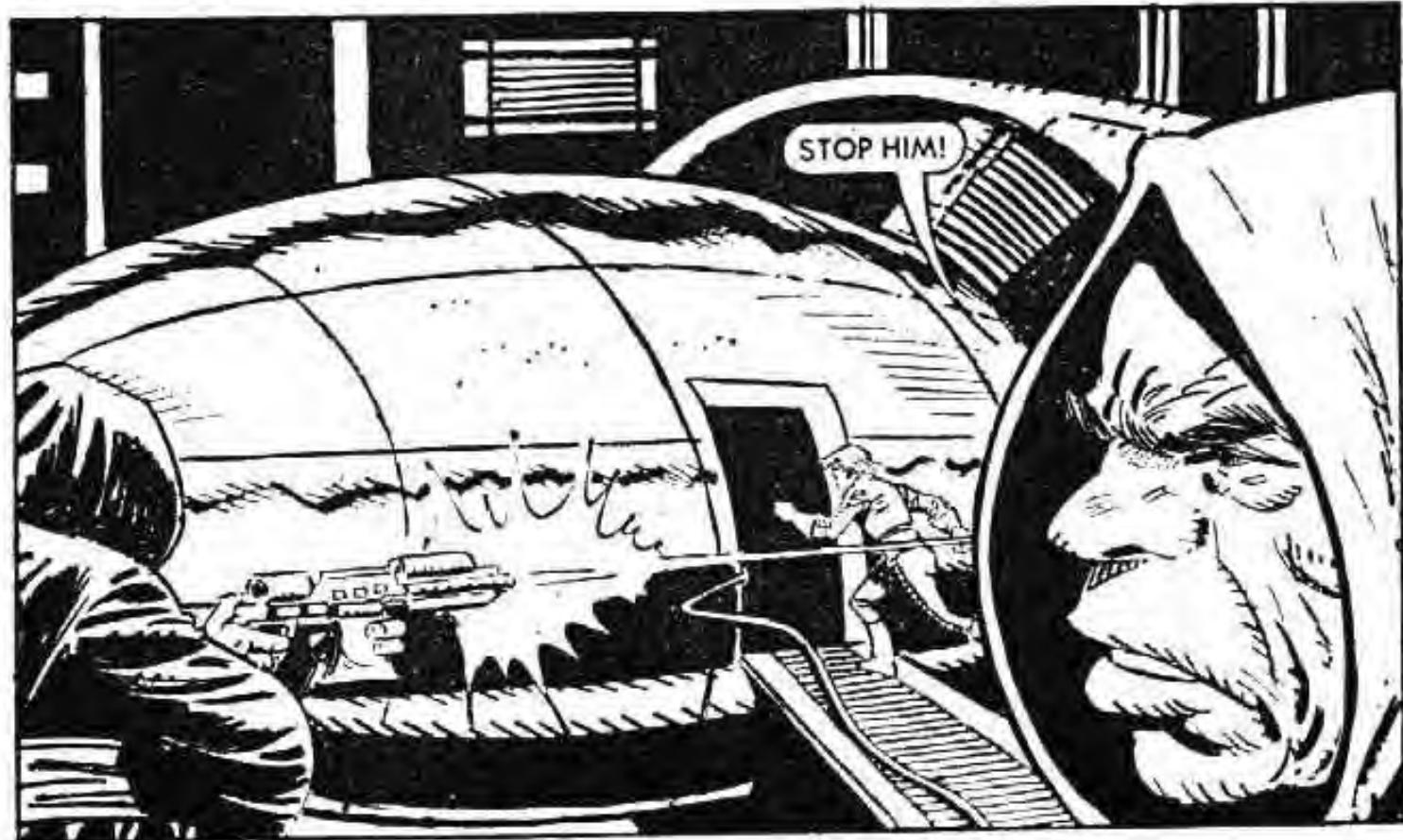


WE ARE READY TO BEGIN.

WE MAY NOT HAVE THE SECRET OF  
STARFLIGHT, BUT WE DO HAVE THE SECRET  
OF MOLECULAR TRANSFORMATION.

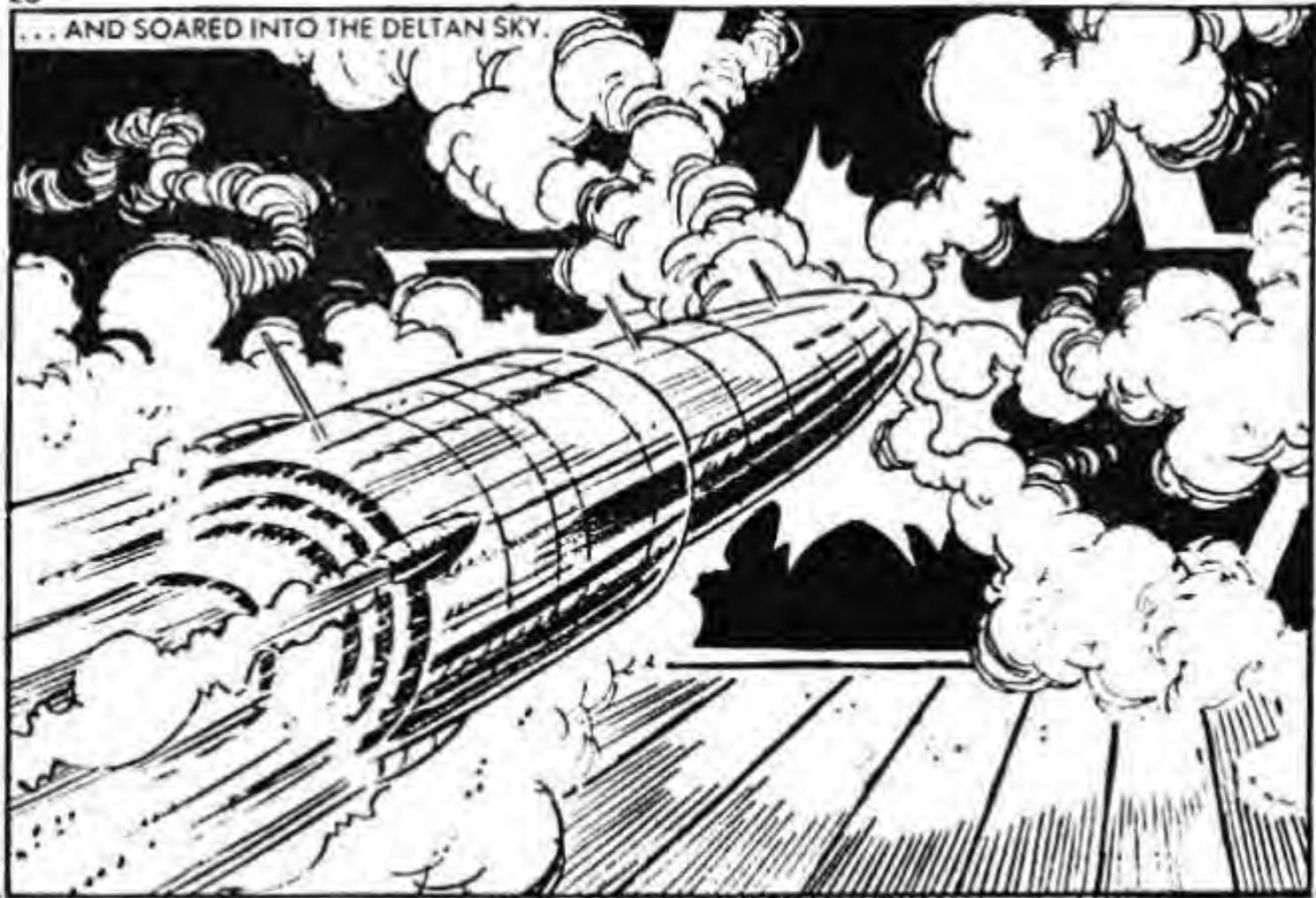
IT IS A REPLICATOR DEVICE.  
THE DELTANS TAKE DOWN  
EVERY DETAIL OF YOUR  
ENGINE, AND BY FEEDING  
ANY MATERIAL INTO THAT  
MACHINE, THEY CAN  
REPRODUCE IT.







... AND SOARED INTO THE DELTA SKY.

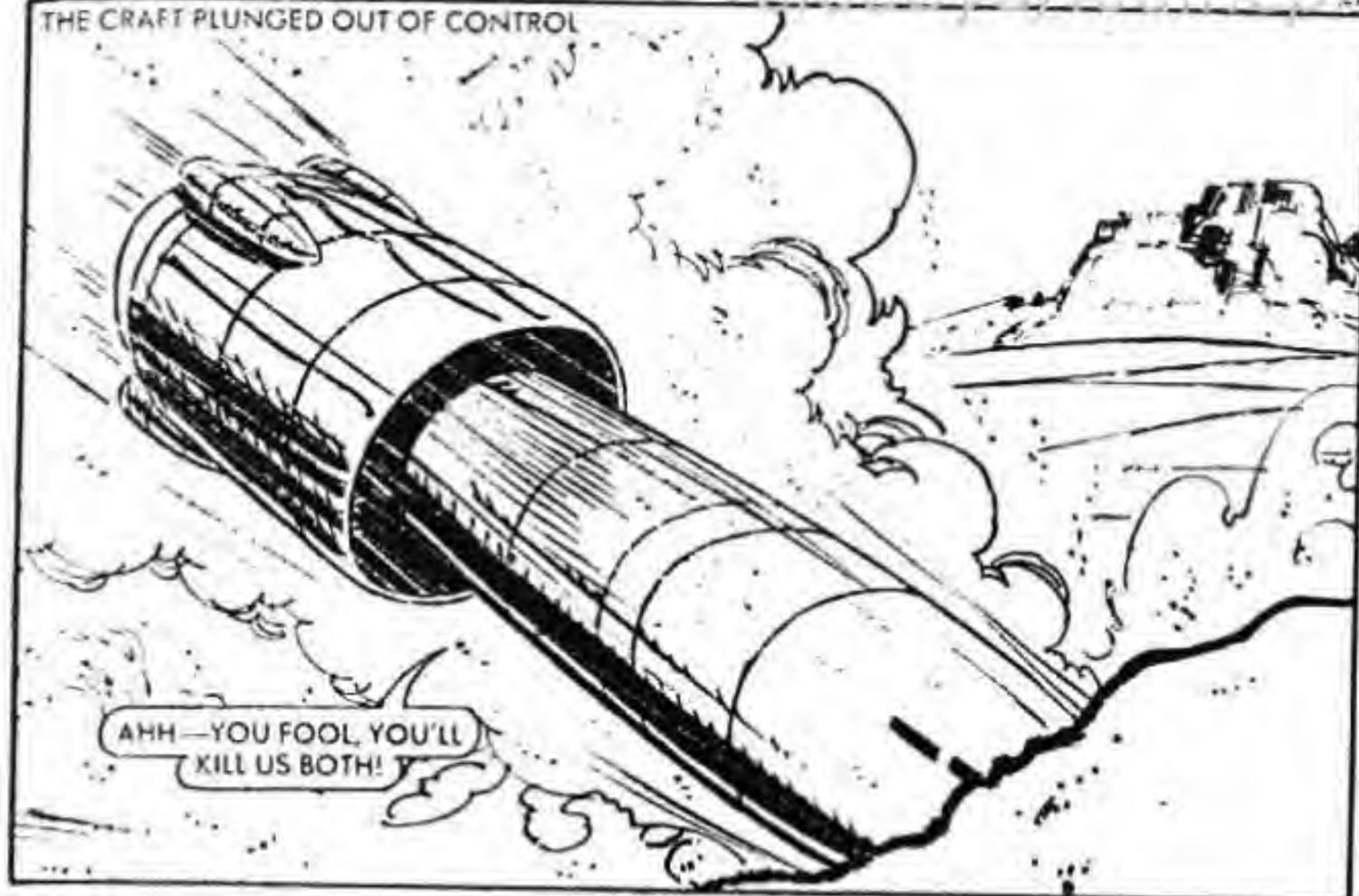


BUT KRIS HAD AN UNWANTED PASSENGER.

MINIMAL IMPACT DAMAGE.  
WHAT THE ...

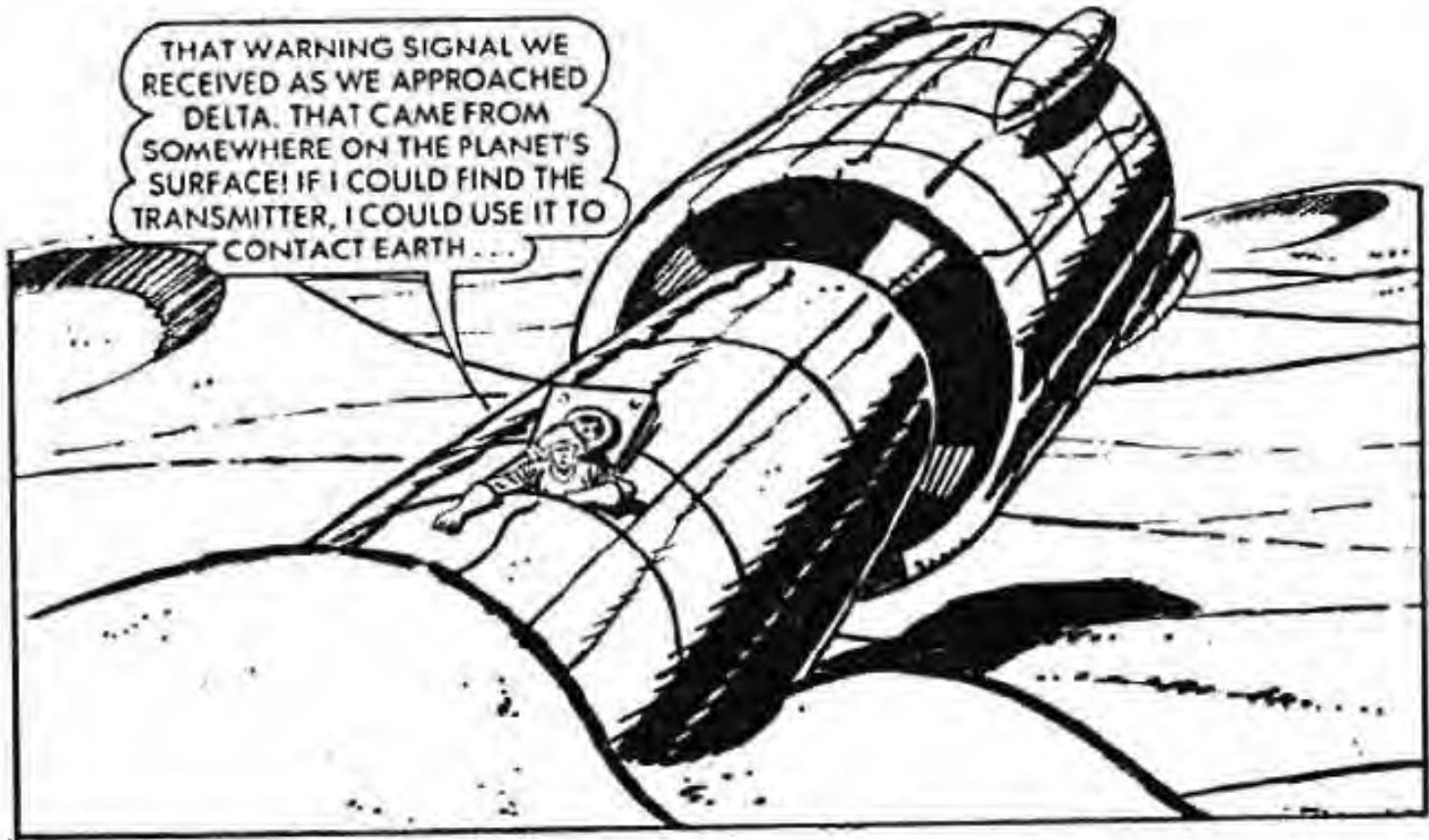


THE CRAFT PLUNGED OUT OF CONTROL



THE IMPACT KILLED HIM.

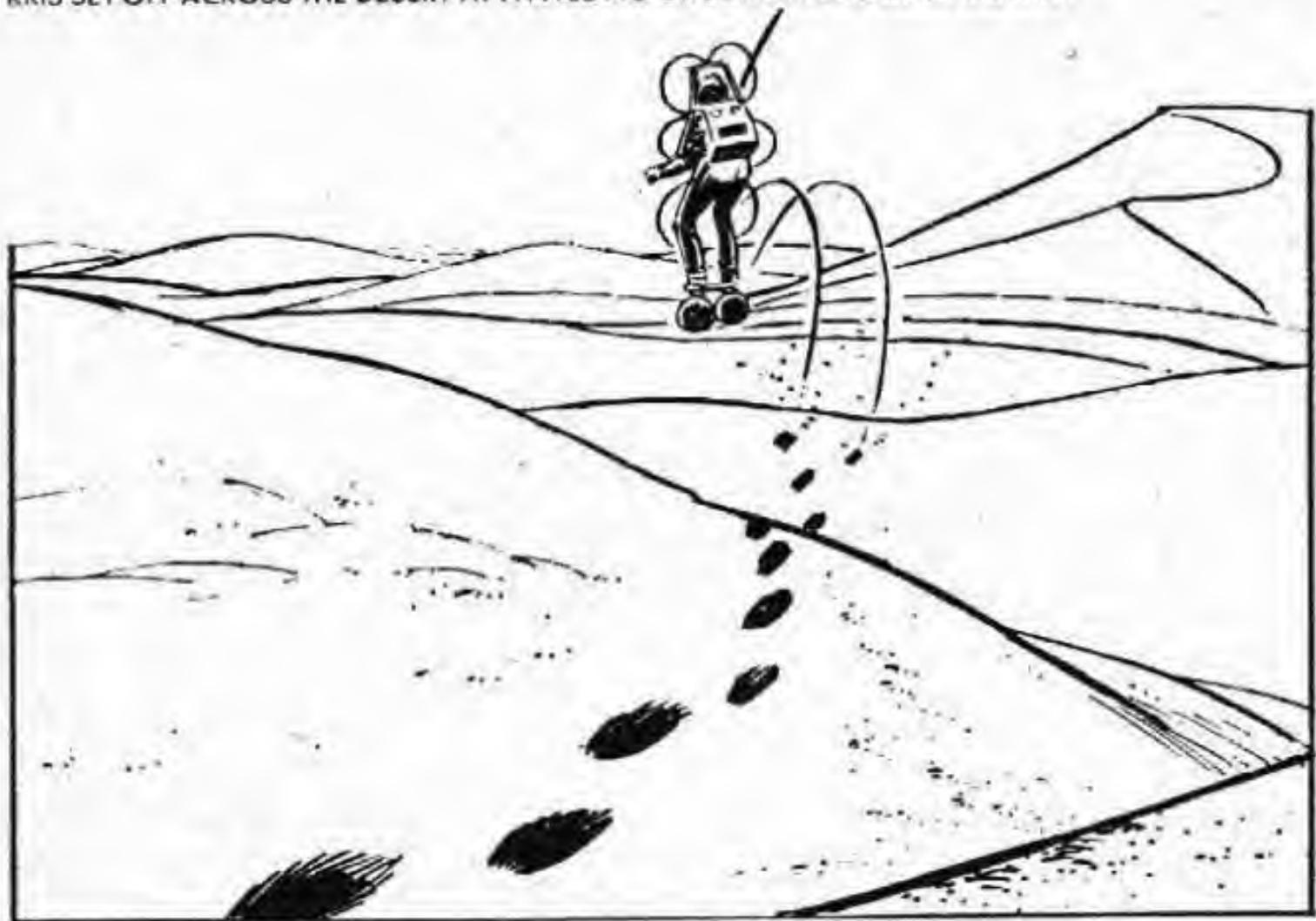




FROM THE EXPLORER BAY, KRIS TOOK A POWER-FRAME — A MECHANICAL EXOSKELETON DESIGNED TO GREATLY INCREASE AN ASTRONAUT'S STRENGTH AND CAPABILITIES IN A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT.



KRIS SET OFF ACROSS THE DESERT AT A PACE NO GROUND SLED COULD MATCH.



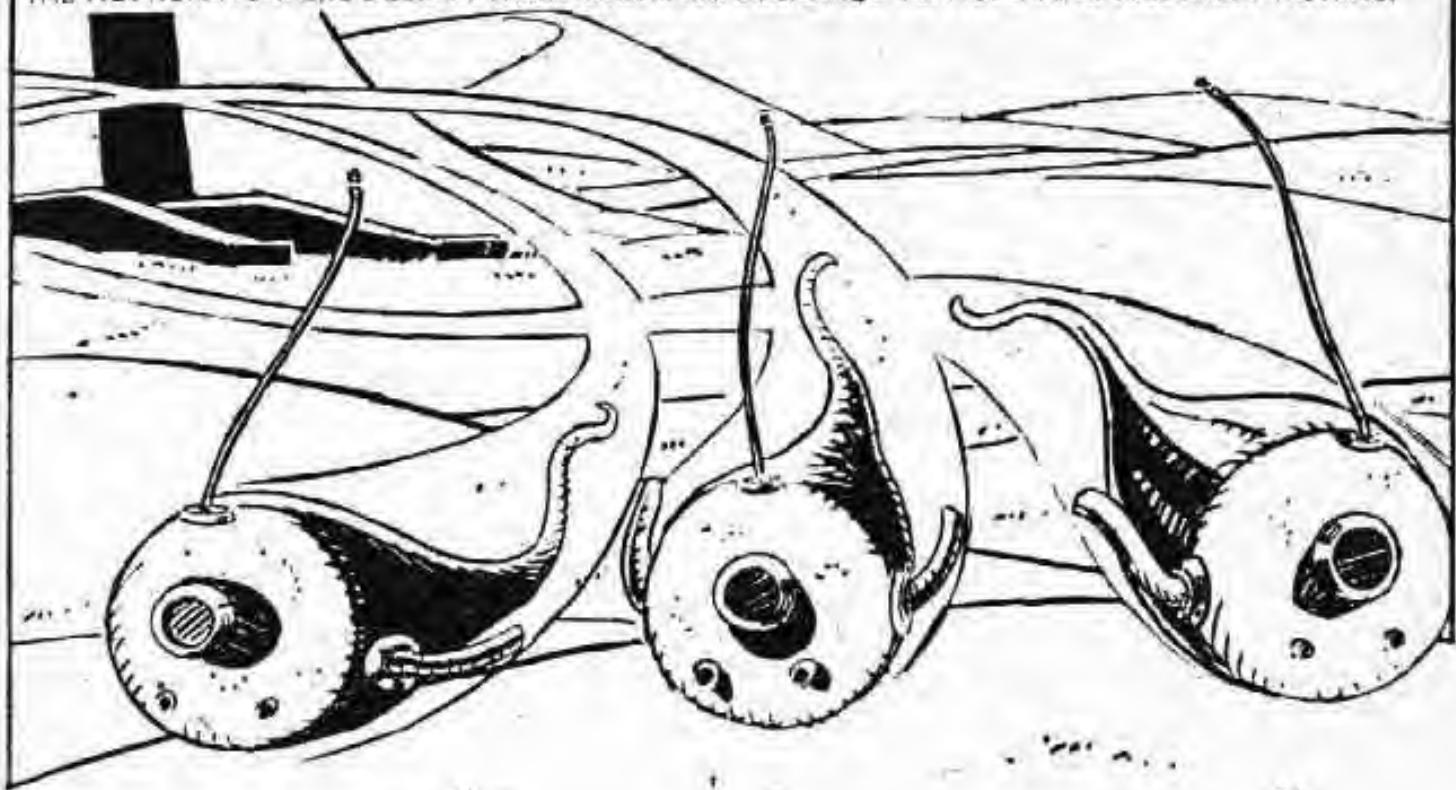
AT THE DELTAN BASE —

OUR OBSERVERS REPORT THAT THE  
EARTH SHIP HAS COME DOWN IN  
THE DESERT.

DESPATCH THE HUNTERAYS.  
HE MUST NOT ESCAPE US.



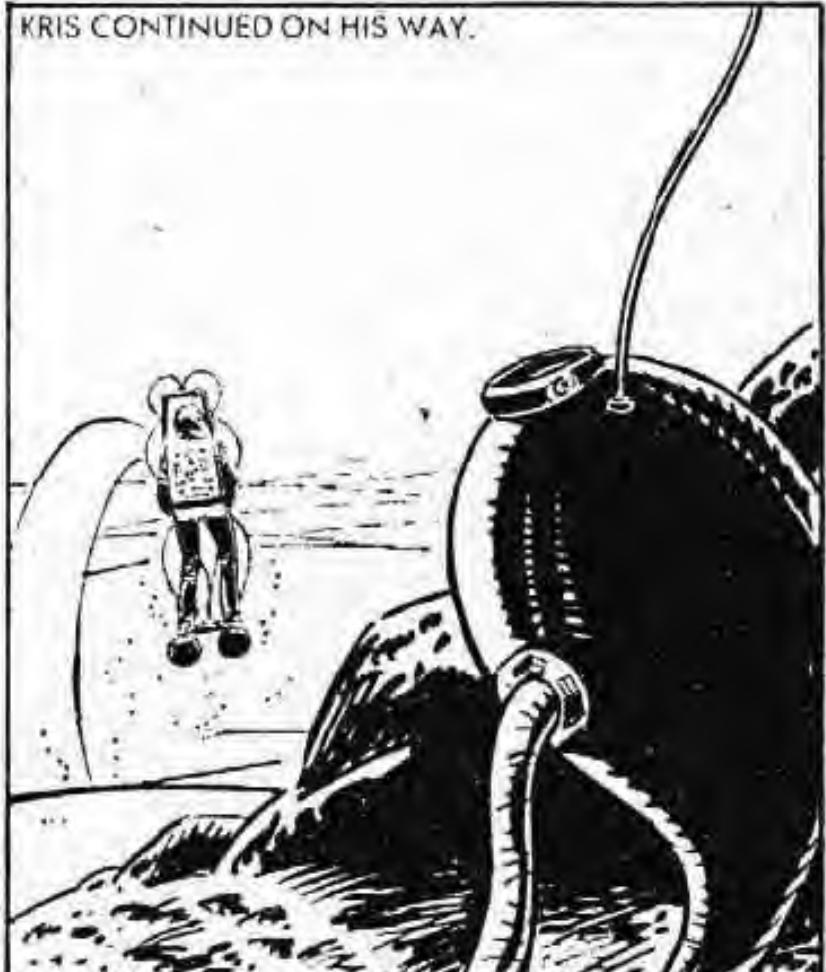
THE HUNTERAYS WERE DELTAN WAR MACHINES DESIGNED TO HUNT AND KILL THEIR VICTIMS.



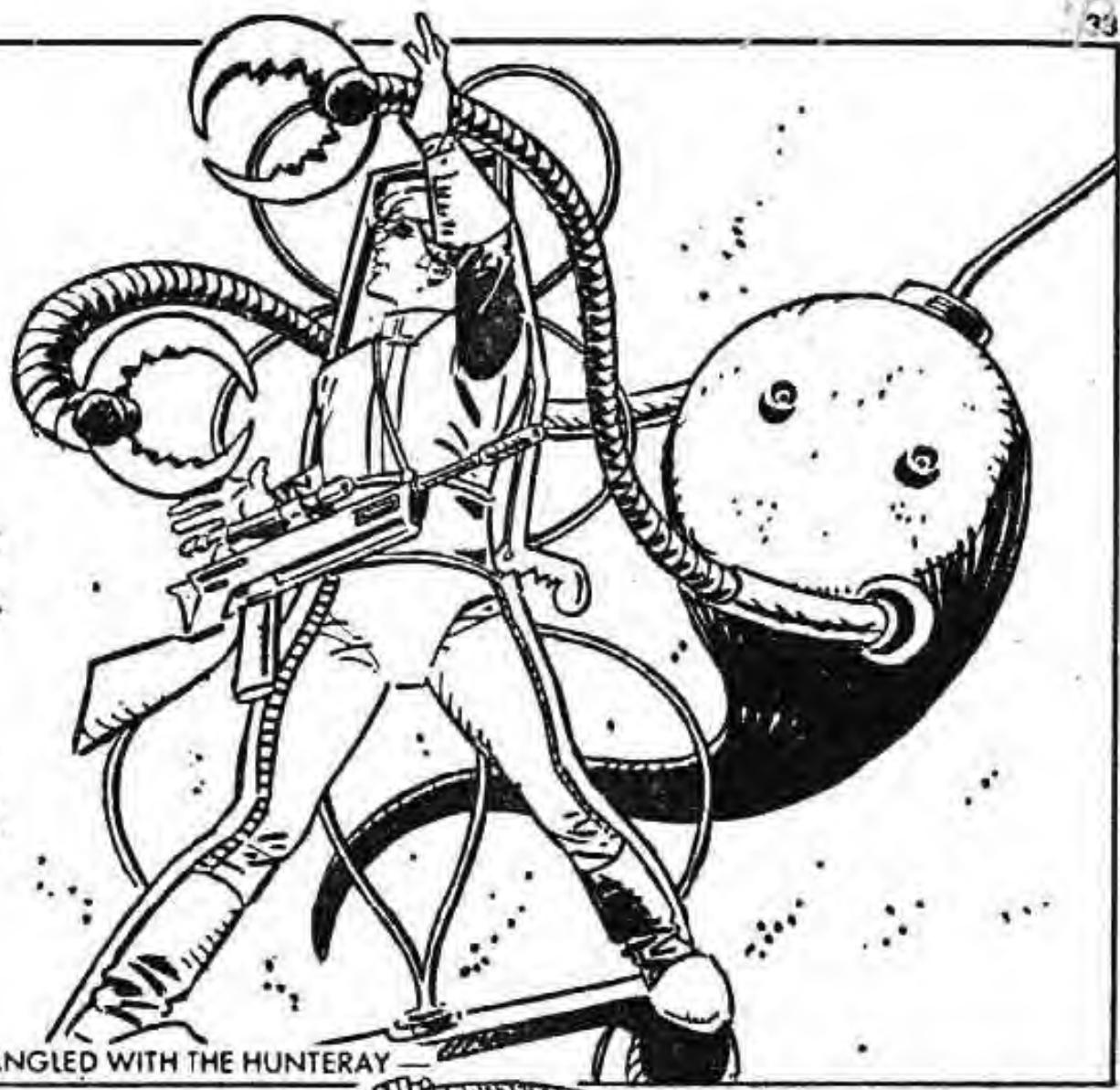
WITHIN TWO HOURS KRIS REACHED THE FOOTHILLS.



KRIS CONTINUED ON HIS WAY.

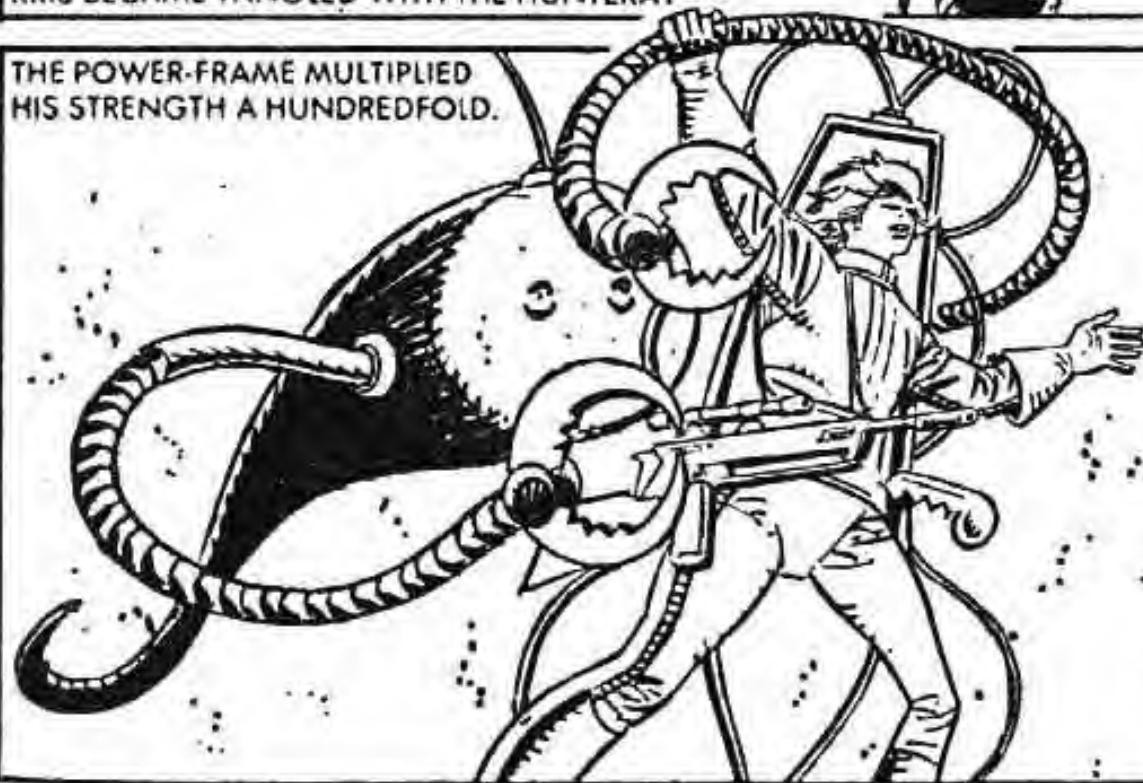


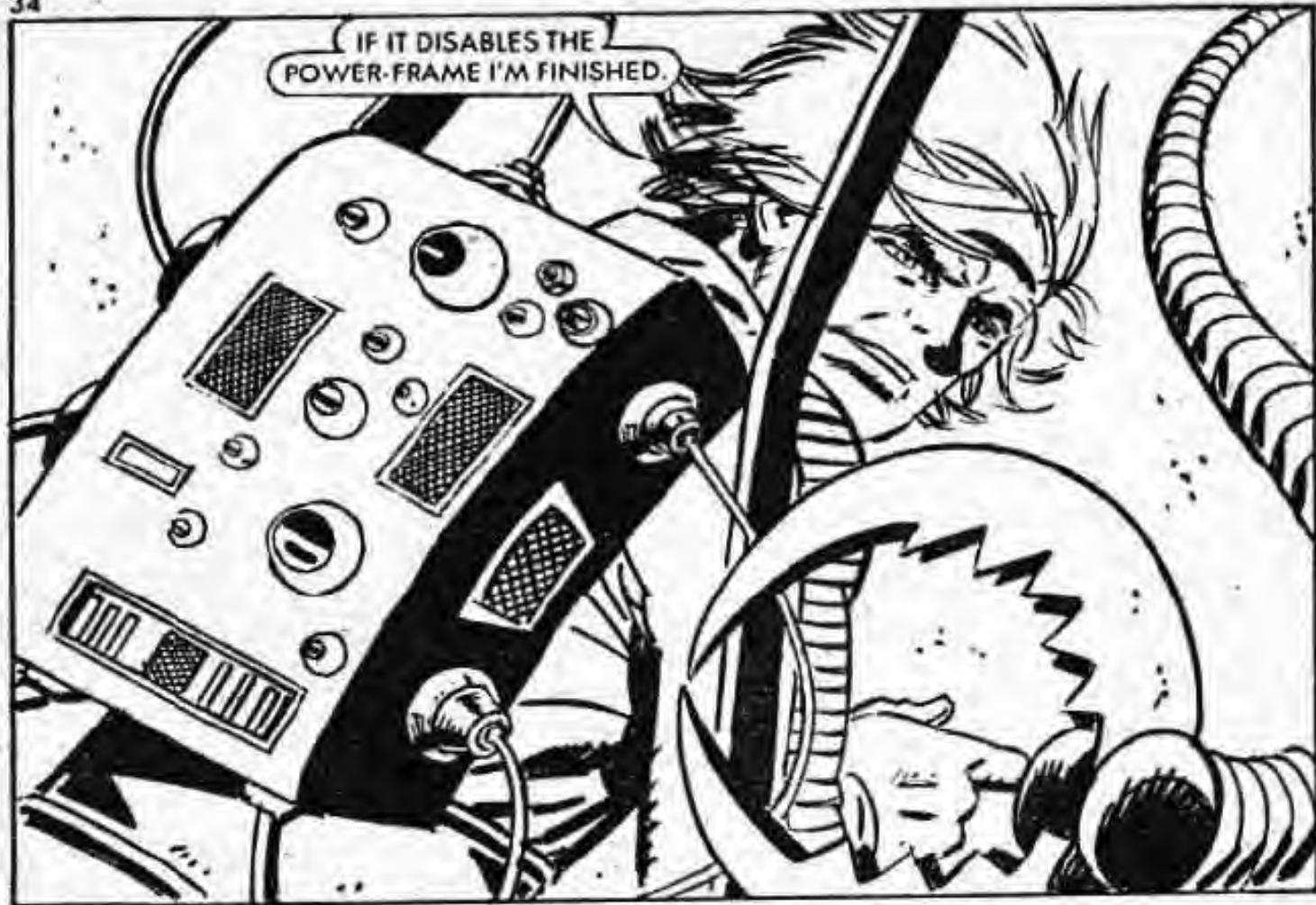




KRIS BECAME TANGLED WITH THE HUNTERAY —

THE POWER-FRAME MULTIPLIED  
HIS STRENGTH A HUNDREDFOLD.





AT THE DELTAN CITY, THE MONITOR SCREEN SUDDENLY WENT BLANK

THE HUNTERAY NO LONGER RESPONDS!

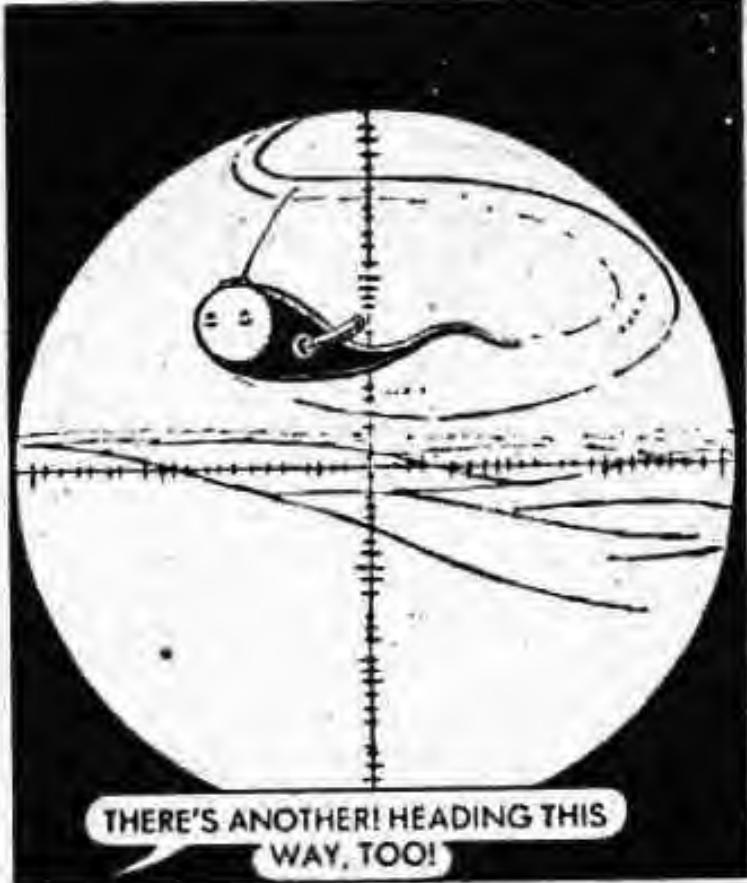
YOU FOOL! IT MUST HAVE BLOWN UP! I WANTED THE EARTHMAN ALIVE. SEND IN THE SECOND HUNTERAY TO COLLECT THE BODY.

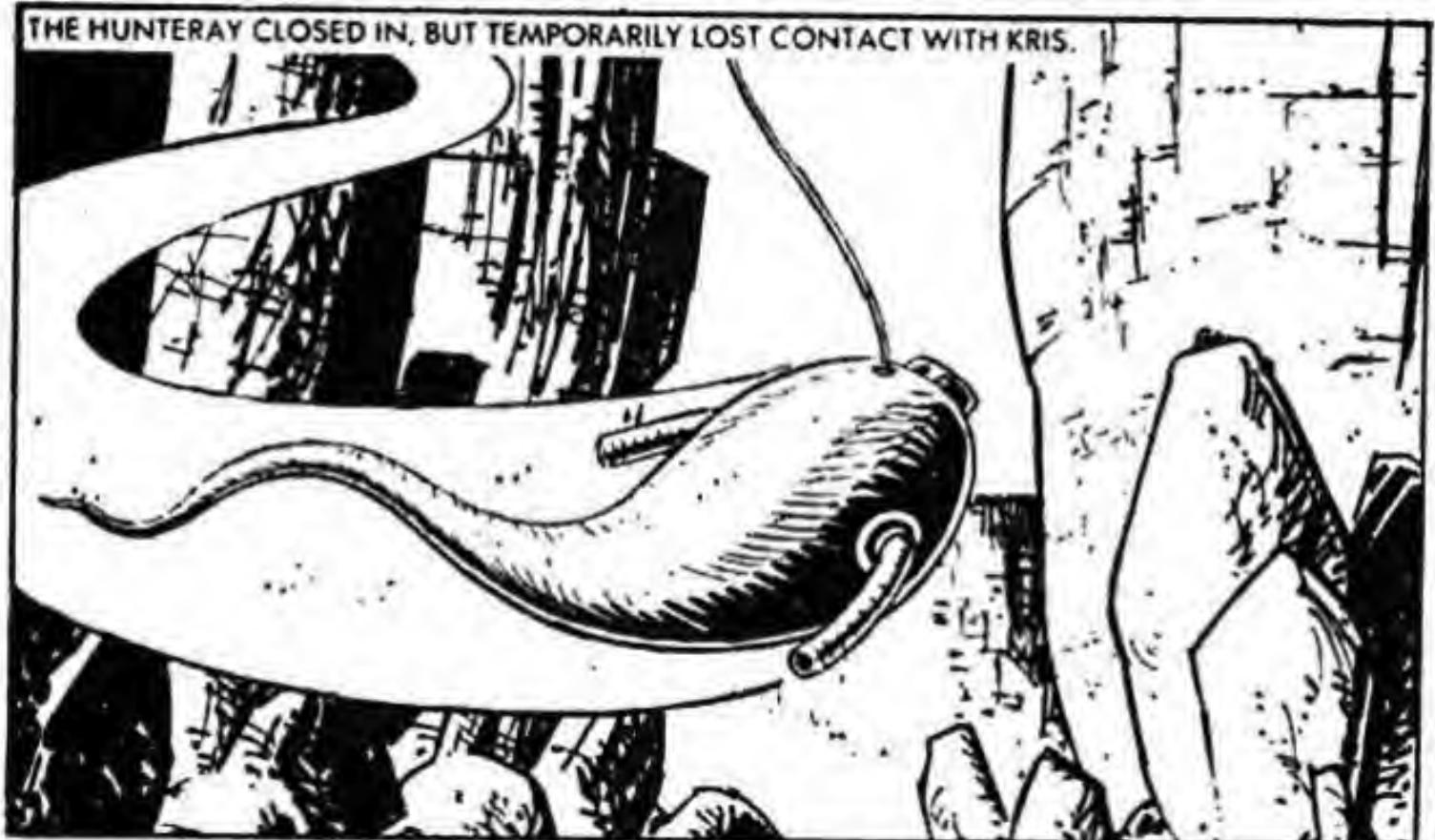
BUT KRIS WAS UNHARMED ...

THE BLAST MUST HAVE DESTROYED THE ROBOT'S CENTRE. I WONDER IF THERE ARE ANY MORE OF THESE MECHANICAL PREDATORS FLYING AROUND.

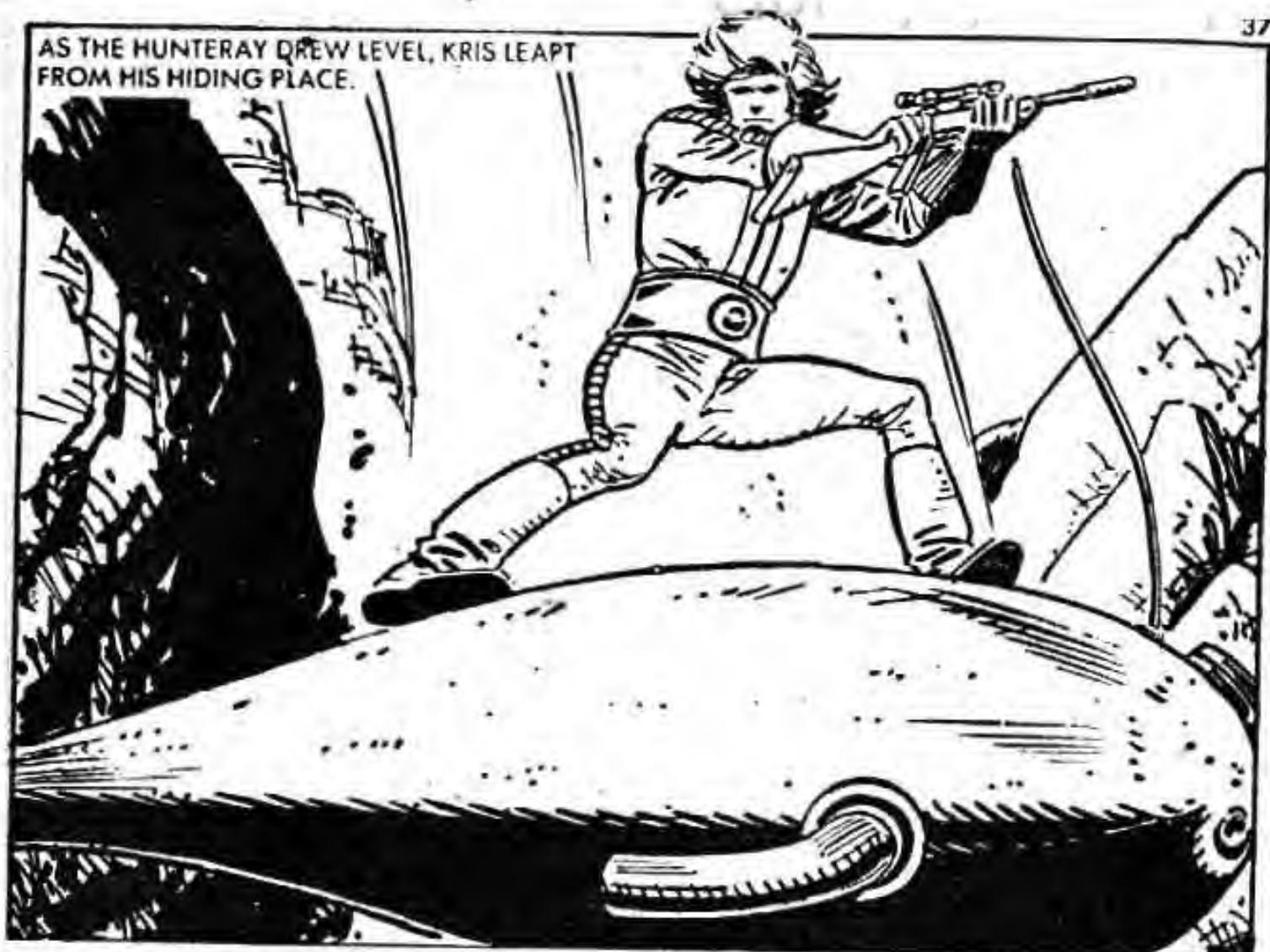


THERE'S ANOTHER! HEADING THIS WAY, TOO!

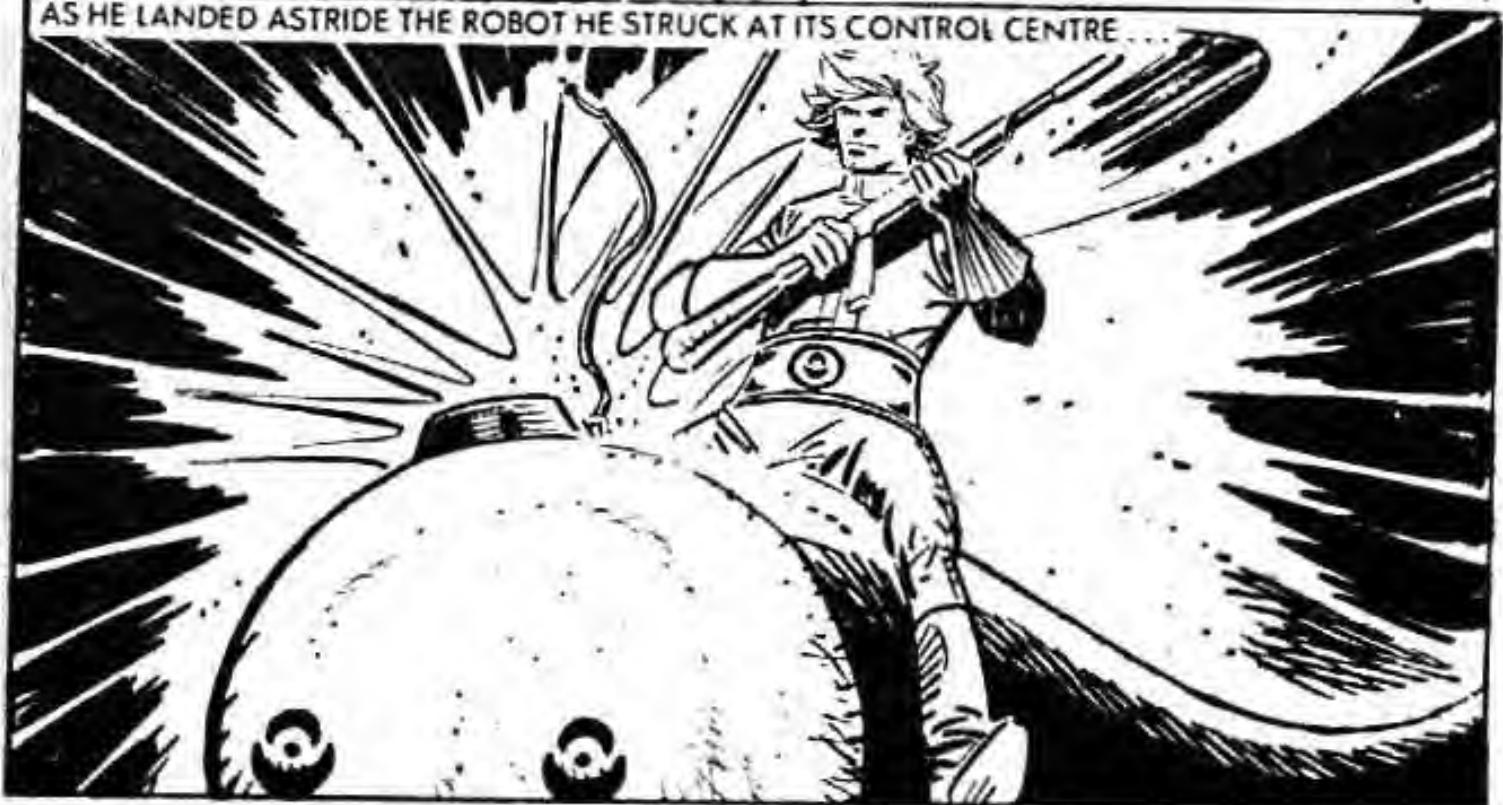




AS THE HUNTERAY DREW LEVEL, KRIS LEAPT FROM HIS HIDING PLACE.



AS HE LANDED ASTRIDE THE ROBOT HE STRUCK AT ITS CONTROL CENTRE...





KRIS ABANDONED THE HUNTERAY AND CONTINUED ON FOOT.

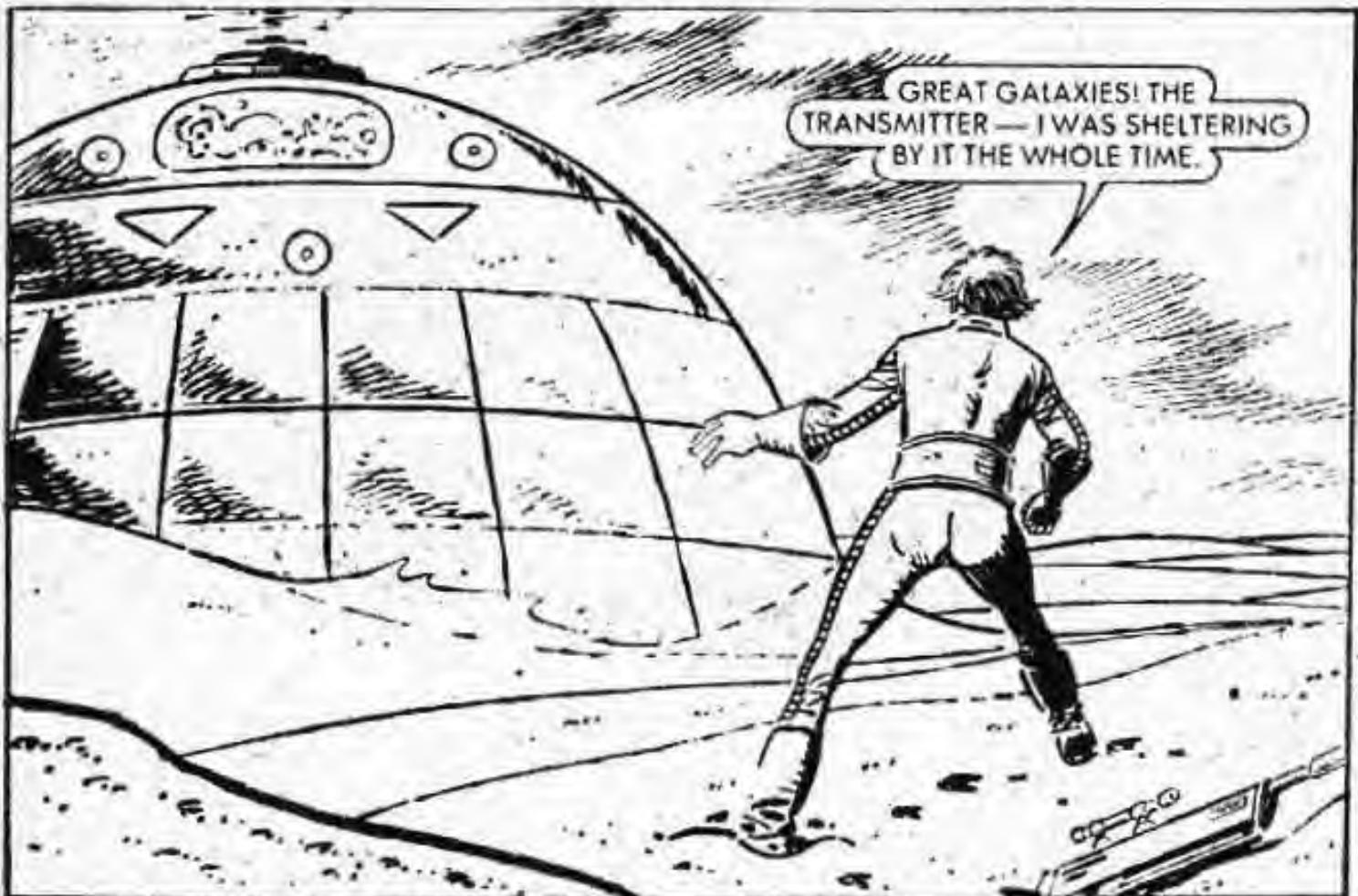
IT'S NO GOOD . . . THE  
STORM'S GETTING WORSE.

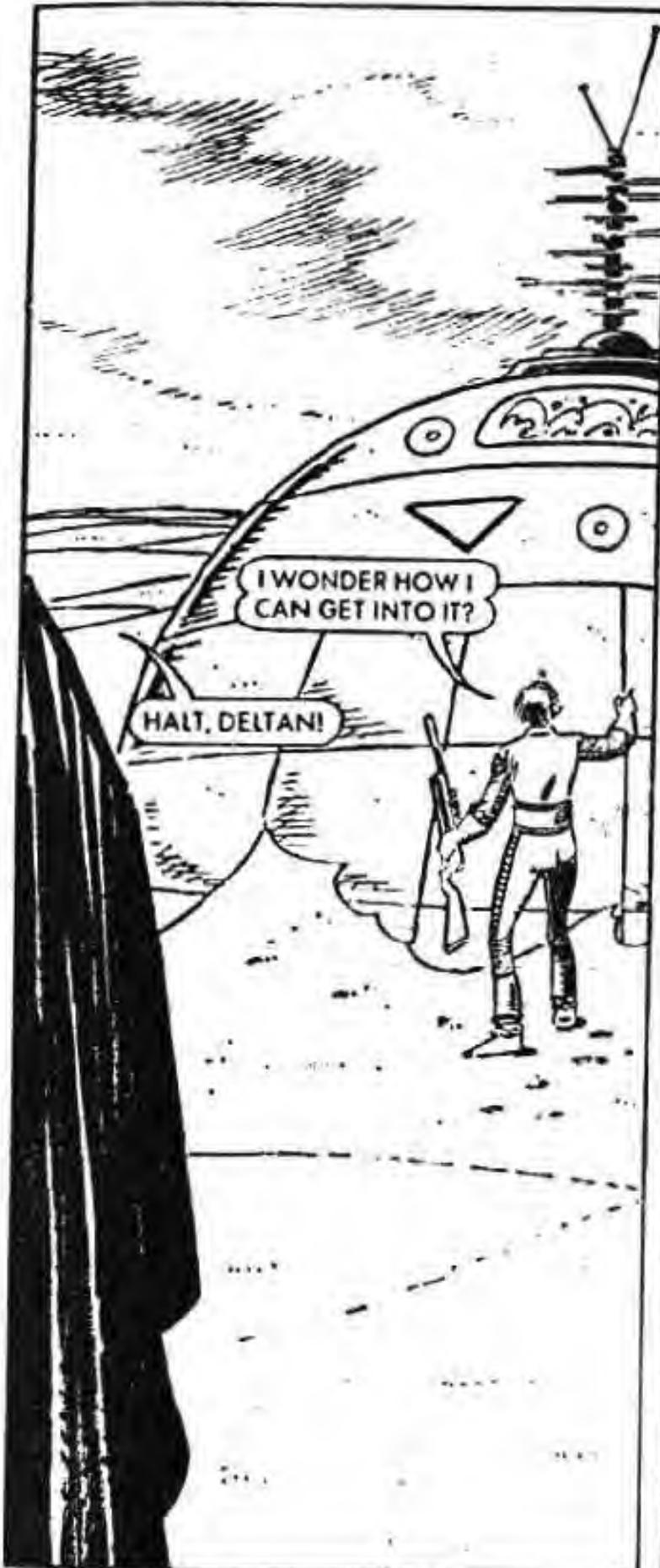


I'LL HAVE TO TAKE SHELTER  
UNTIL IT BLOWS OVER.



KRIS HUDDLED DOWN BESIDE A LARGE ROCK FORMATION TO WAIT OUT THE STORM.

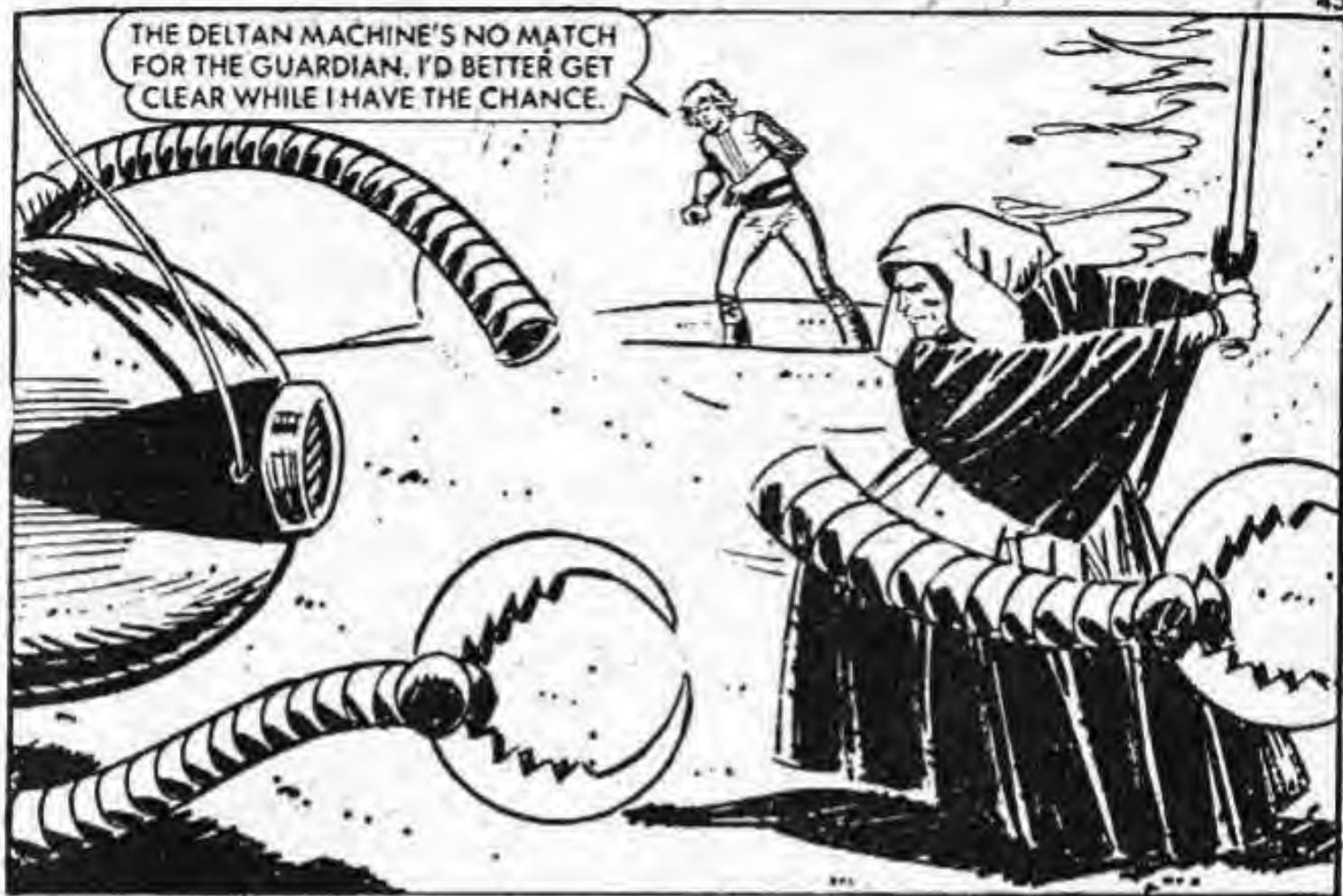




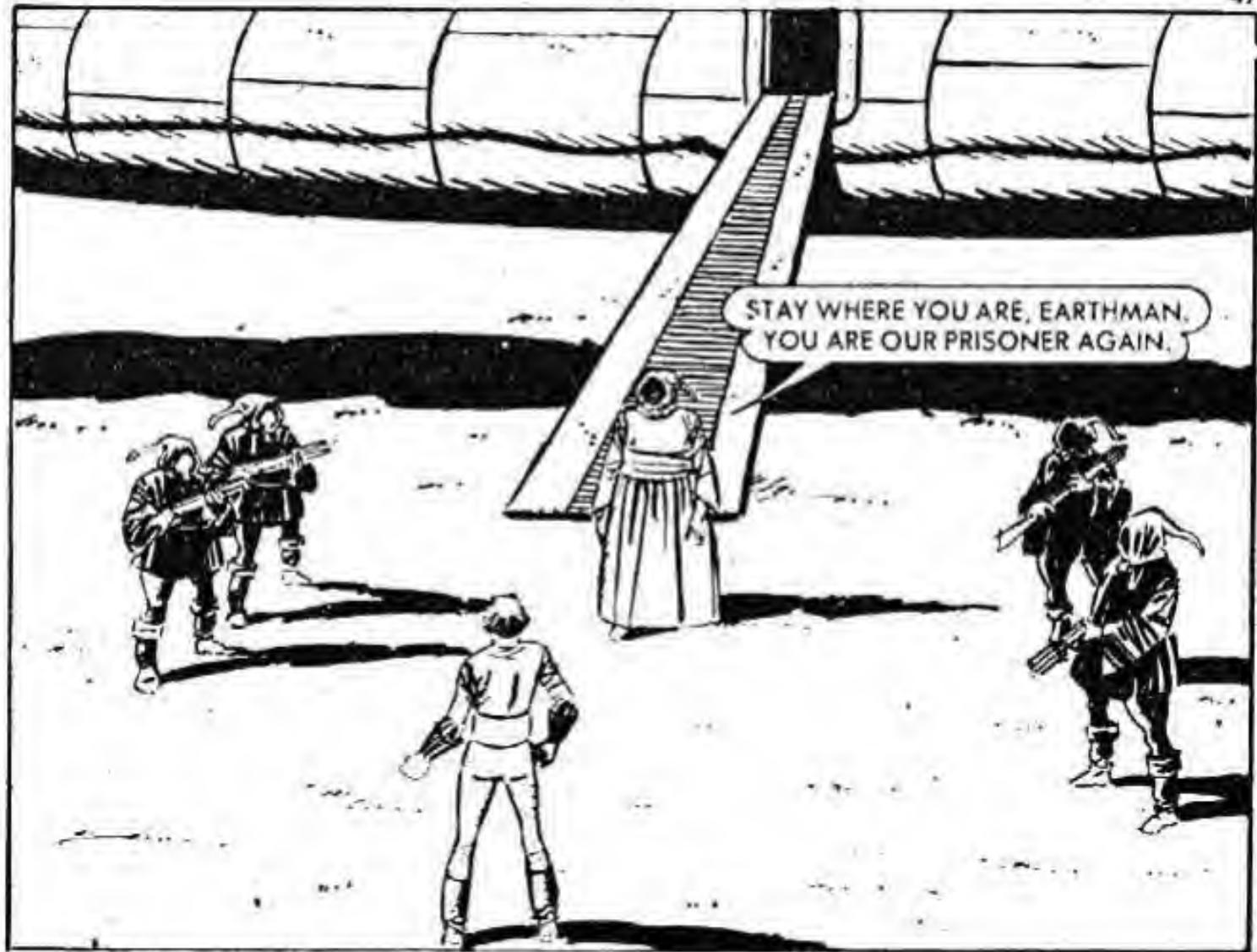








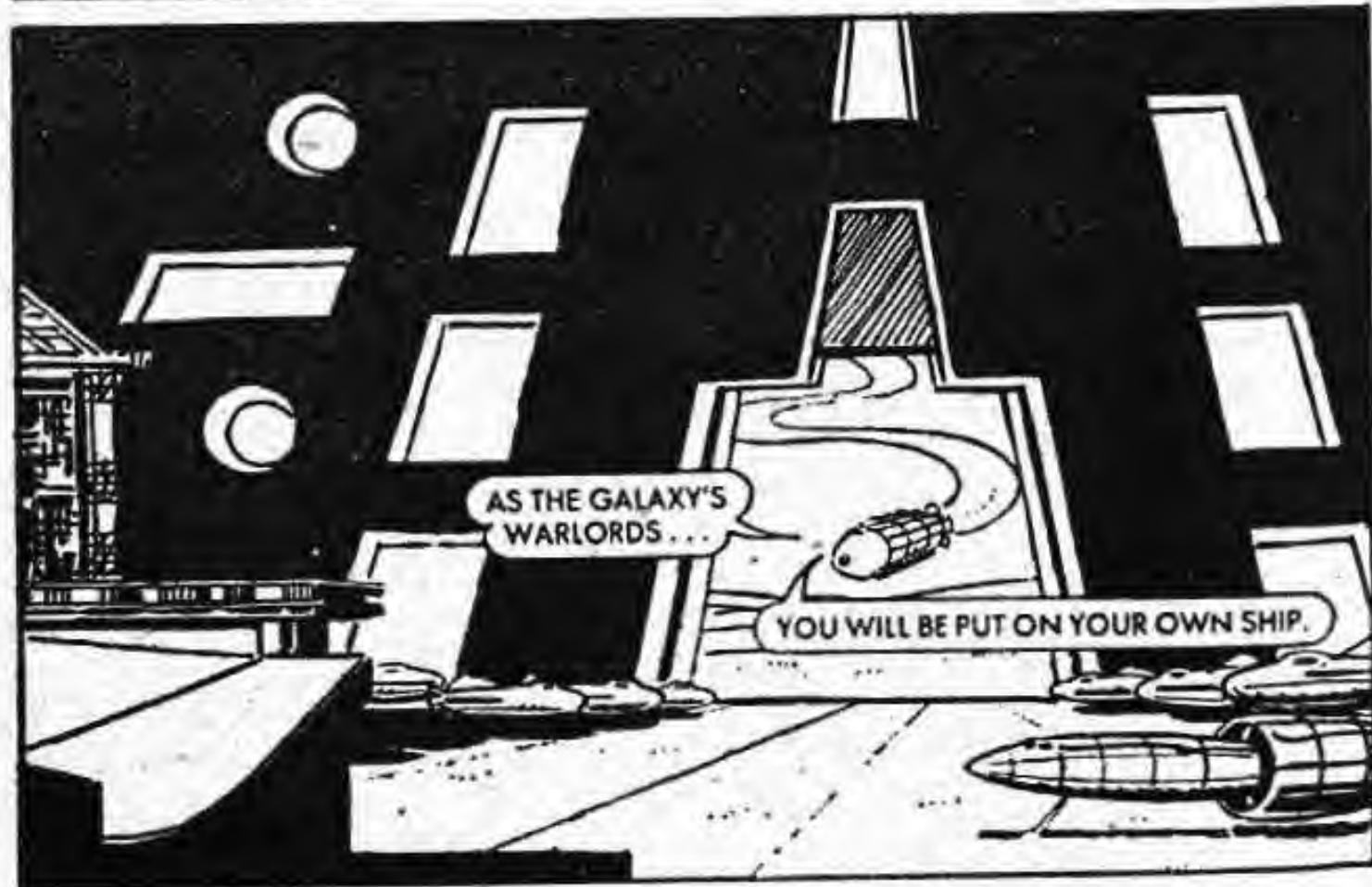
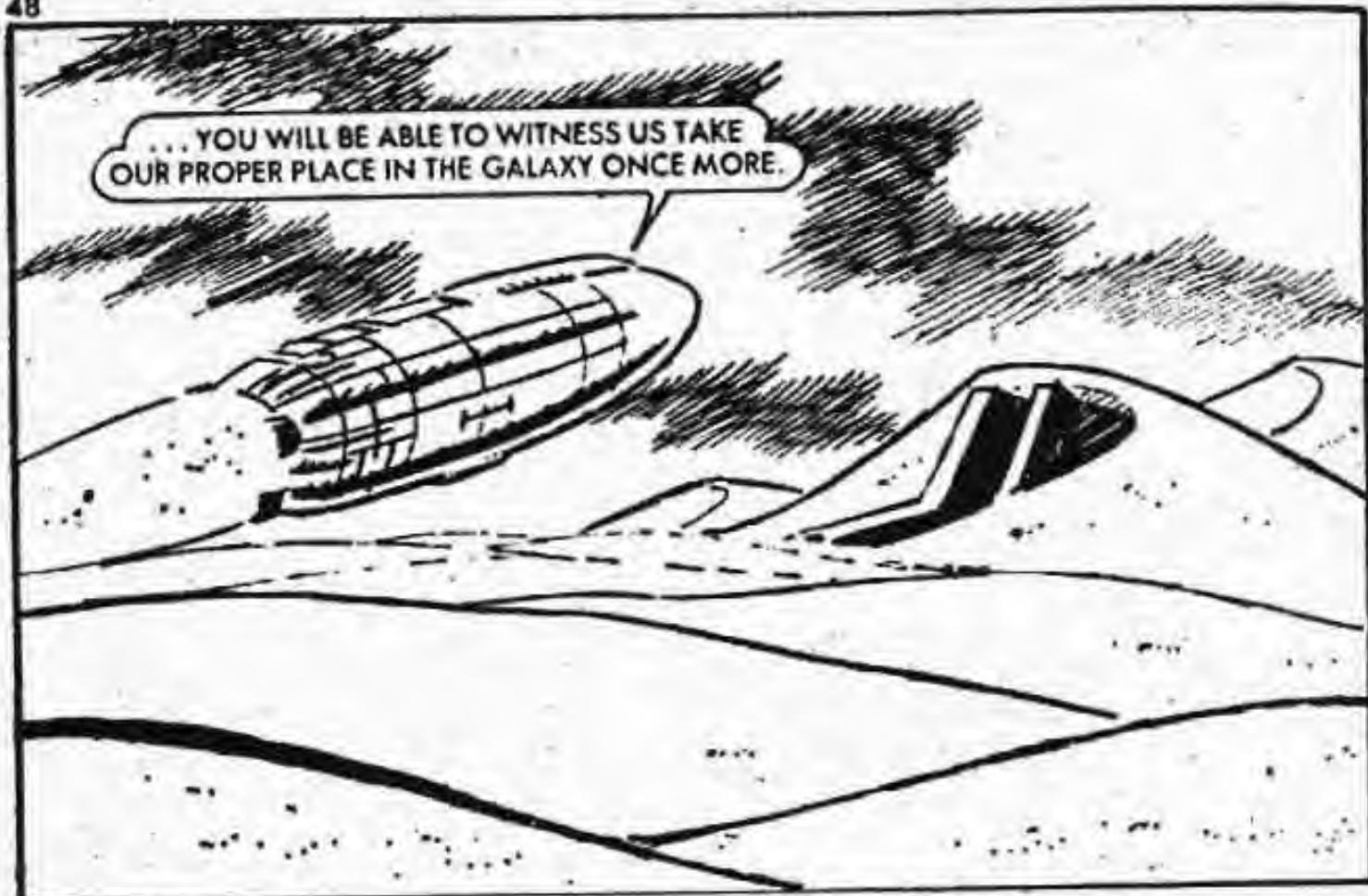


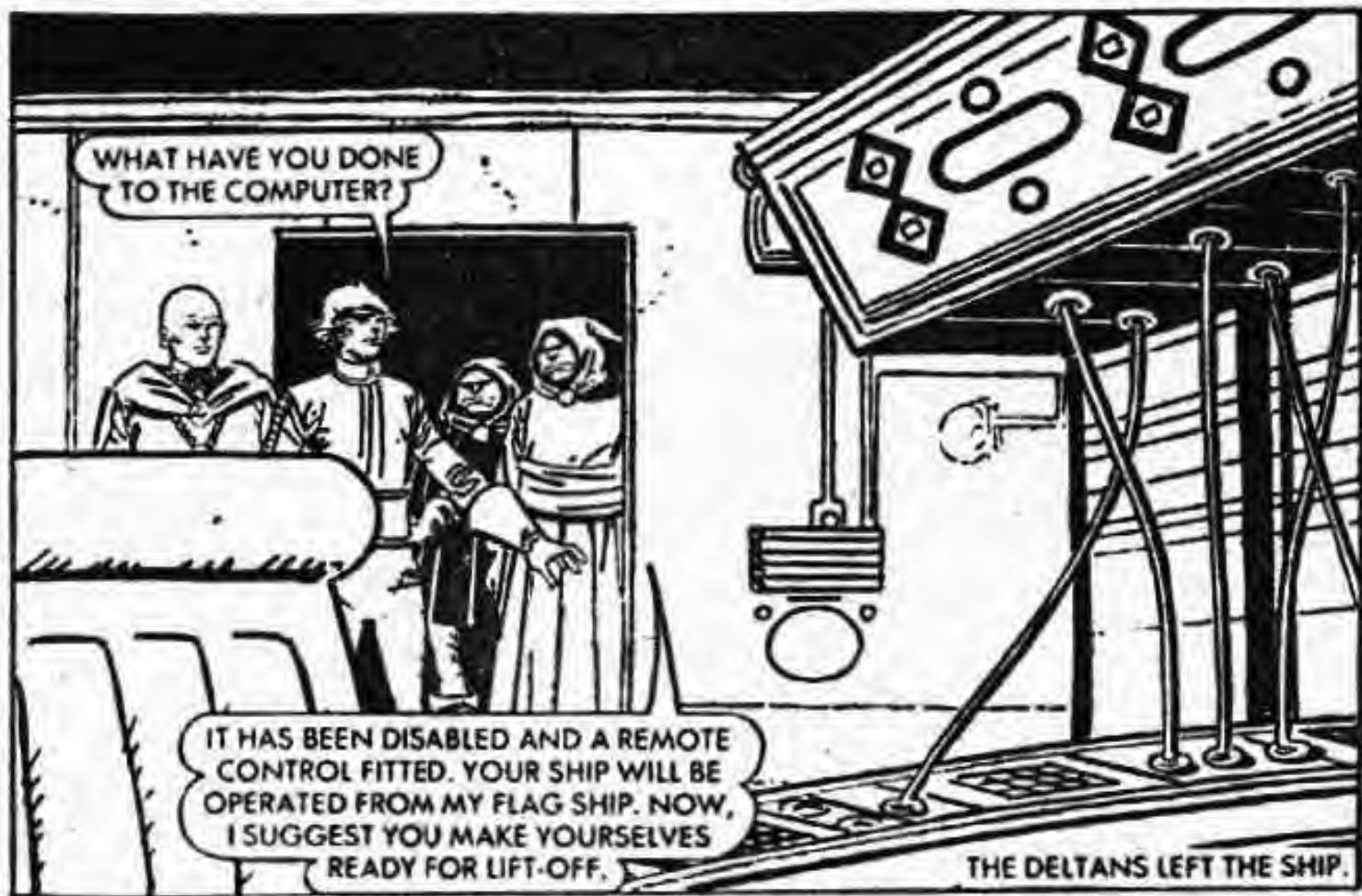


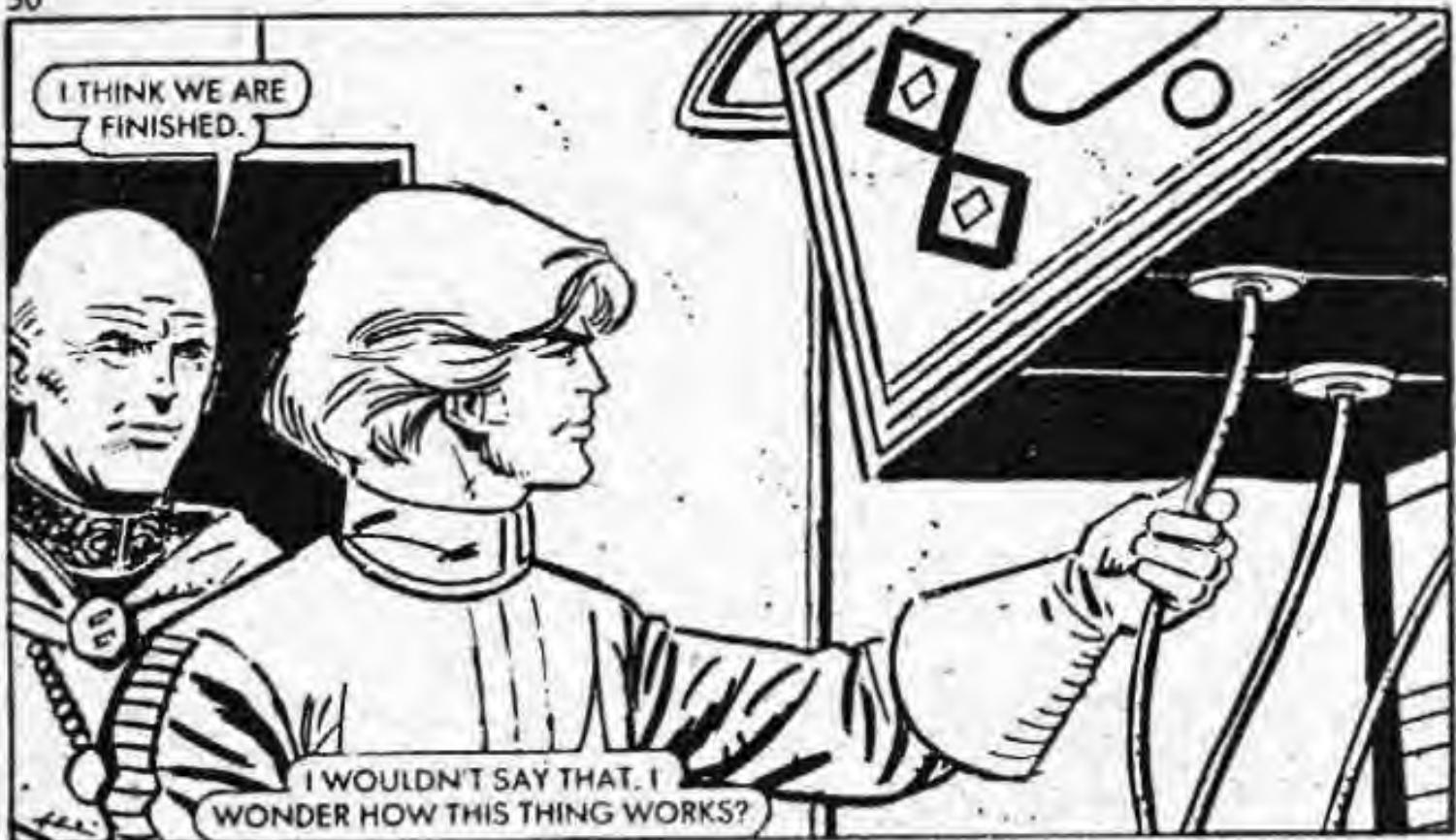
KRIS WAS TAKEN ABOARD THE DELTAN SHIP.

OUR FLEET IS READY TO LIFT OFF AND  
YOUR CRAFT HAS BEEN REPAIRED,  
EARTHTMAN ...

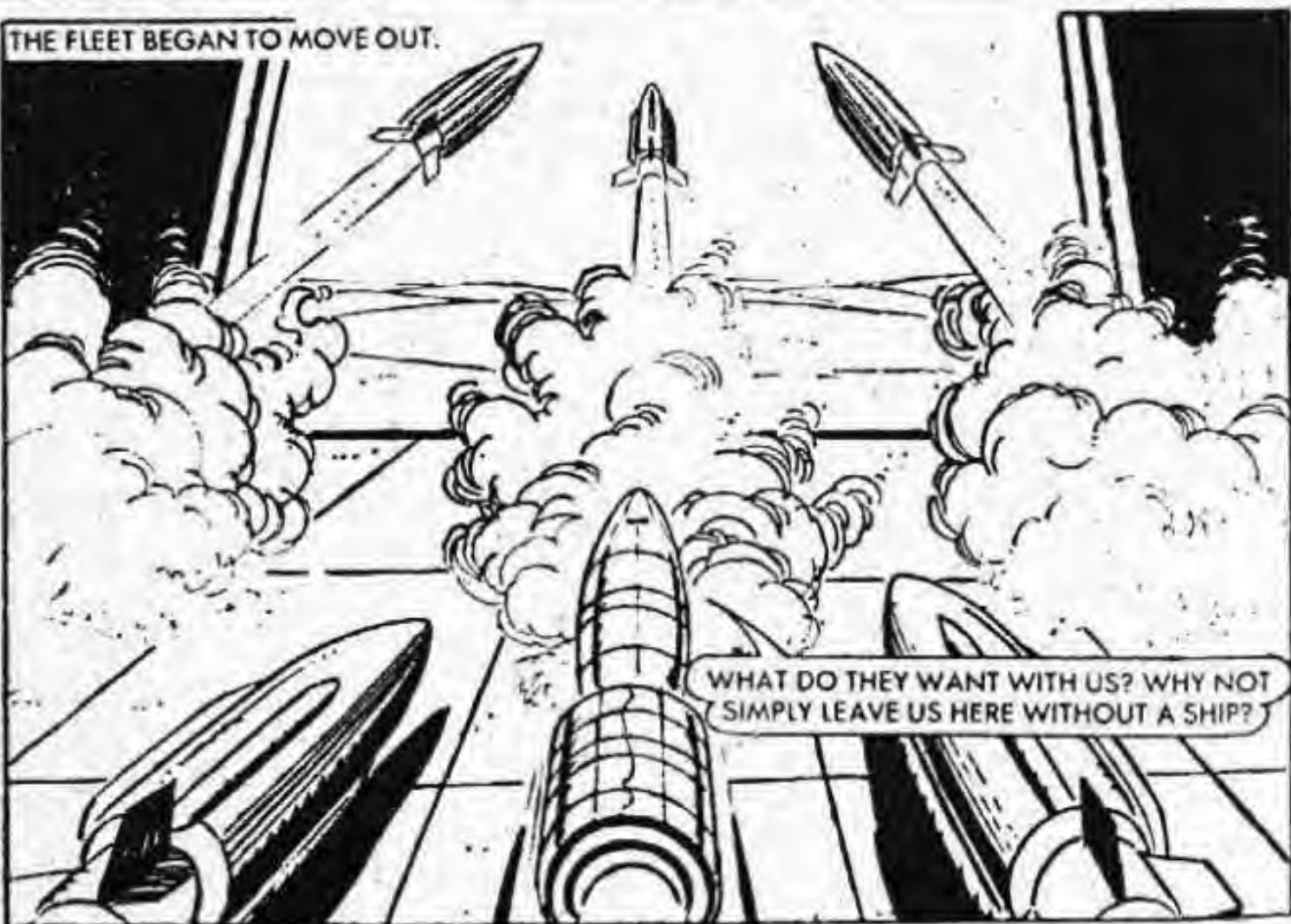






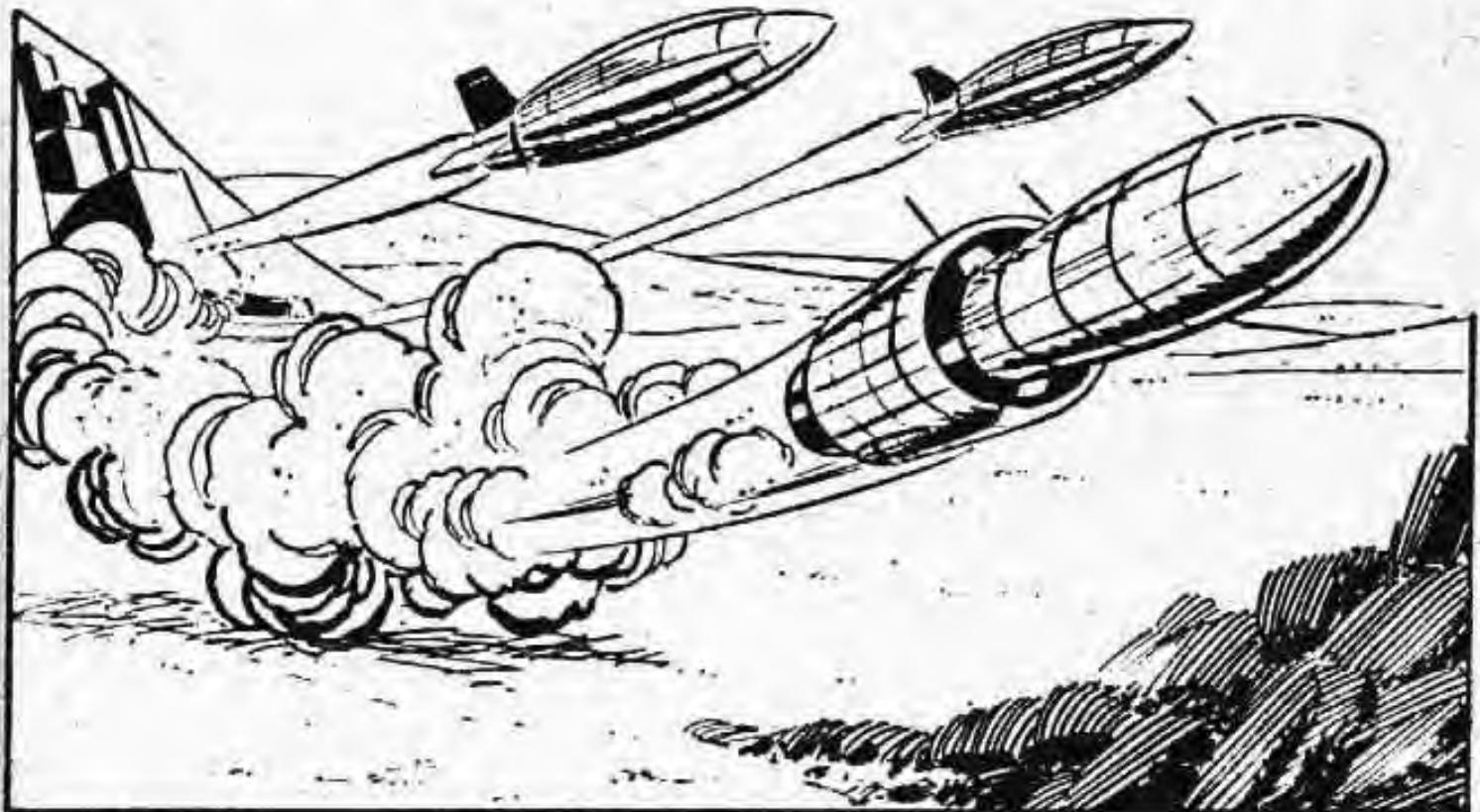


THE FLEET BEGAN TO MOVE OUT.





THE FLEET SOARED INTO THE SKY.



IF I DESTROY THIS CONTROL OVERRIDE WE'LL BE LEFT WITHOUT A COMPUTER, SO WE WON'T BE ABLE TO RETRACE OUR ORIGINAL ROUTE THROUGH THE FLAME BELT.

YOU CAN'T DESTROY IT. THE DELTANS HAVE TAKEN ALL HAND WEAPONS.



NOT QUITE ALL — WHEN I HID THIS I WAS SURE THEY WOULDN'T FIND IT — AND . . . THEY DIDN'T.

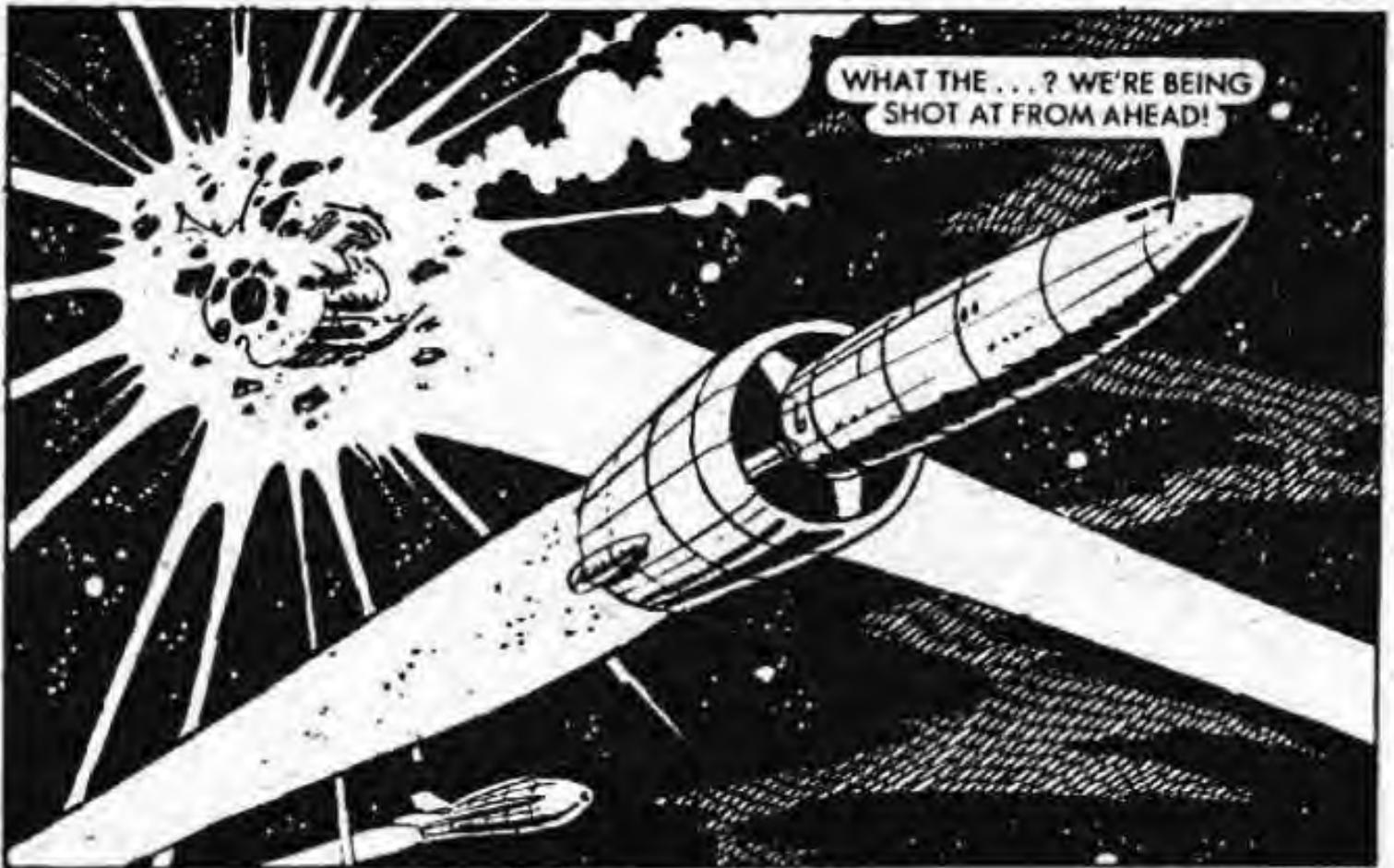
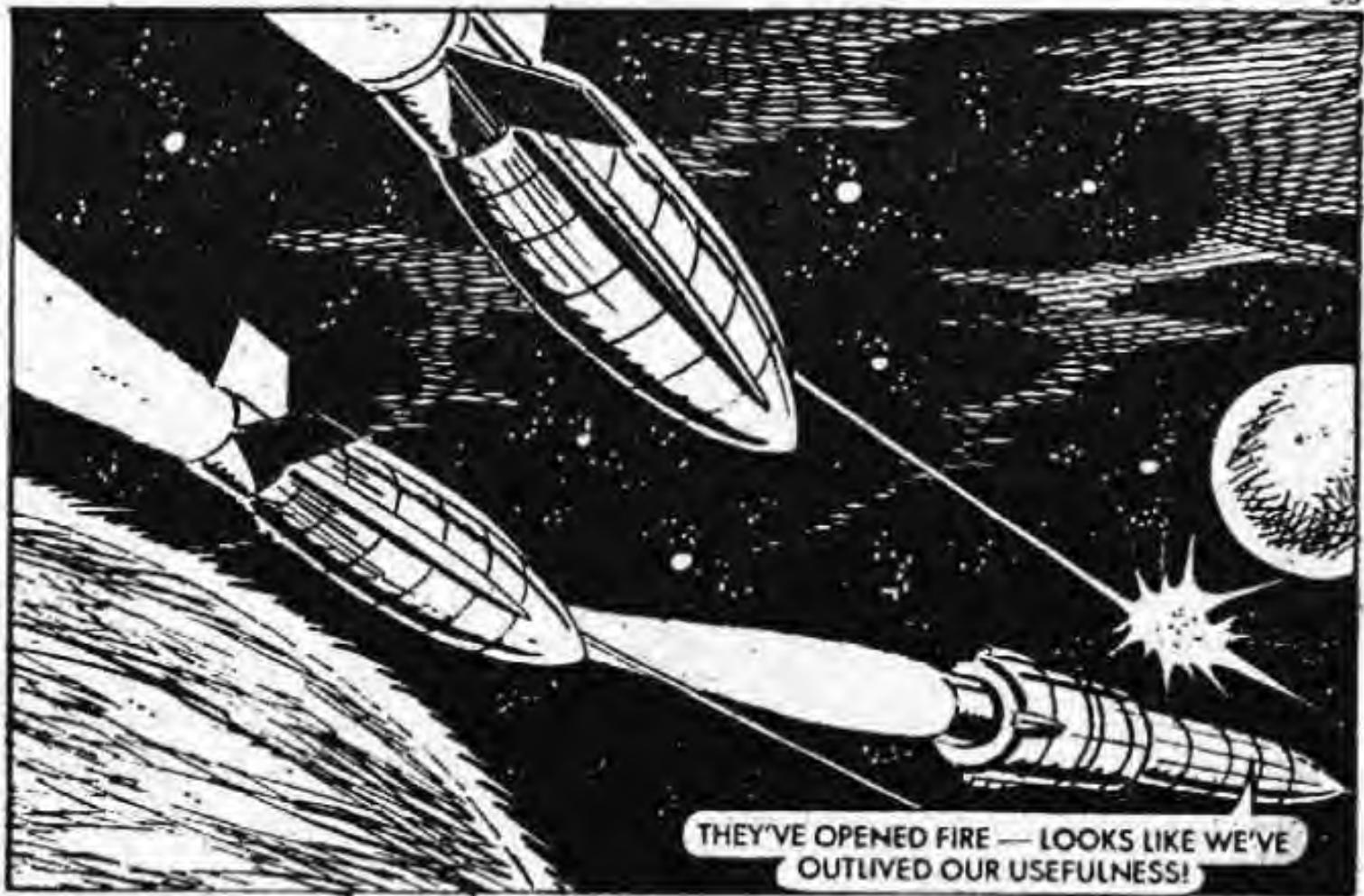
BUT WE'LL NEVER GET THROUGH THE FLAME BELT WITHOUT THE DELTAN CONTROL.



WE'LL TRY! IF IT FAILS, AT LEAST THE DELTANS WILL HAVE NO DECOY.

THE DELTAN CONTROL UNIT EXPLODED IN A SHOWER OF SPARKS.





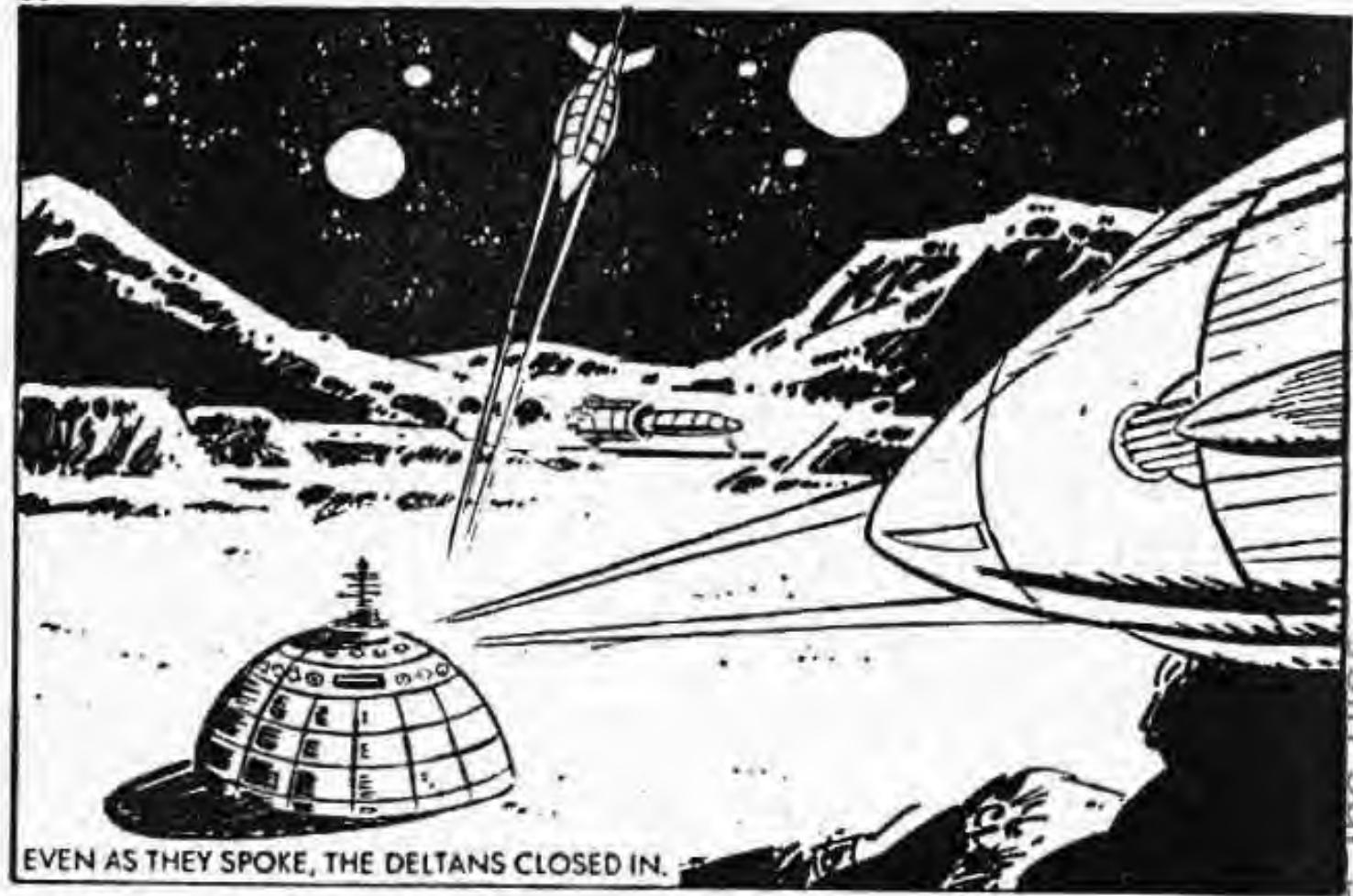




AS HE APPROACHED THE DOME, A DOORWAY OPENED...







EVEN AS THEY SPOKE, THE DELTANS CLOSED IN.

A SUDDEN EXPLOSION ROCKED THE MONITORING STATION.

MY TASK IS DONE—I WILL DIE  
HERE. GO, BEFORE YOU TOO ARE KILLED.

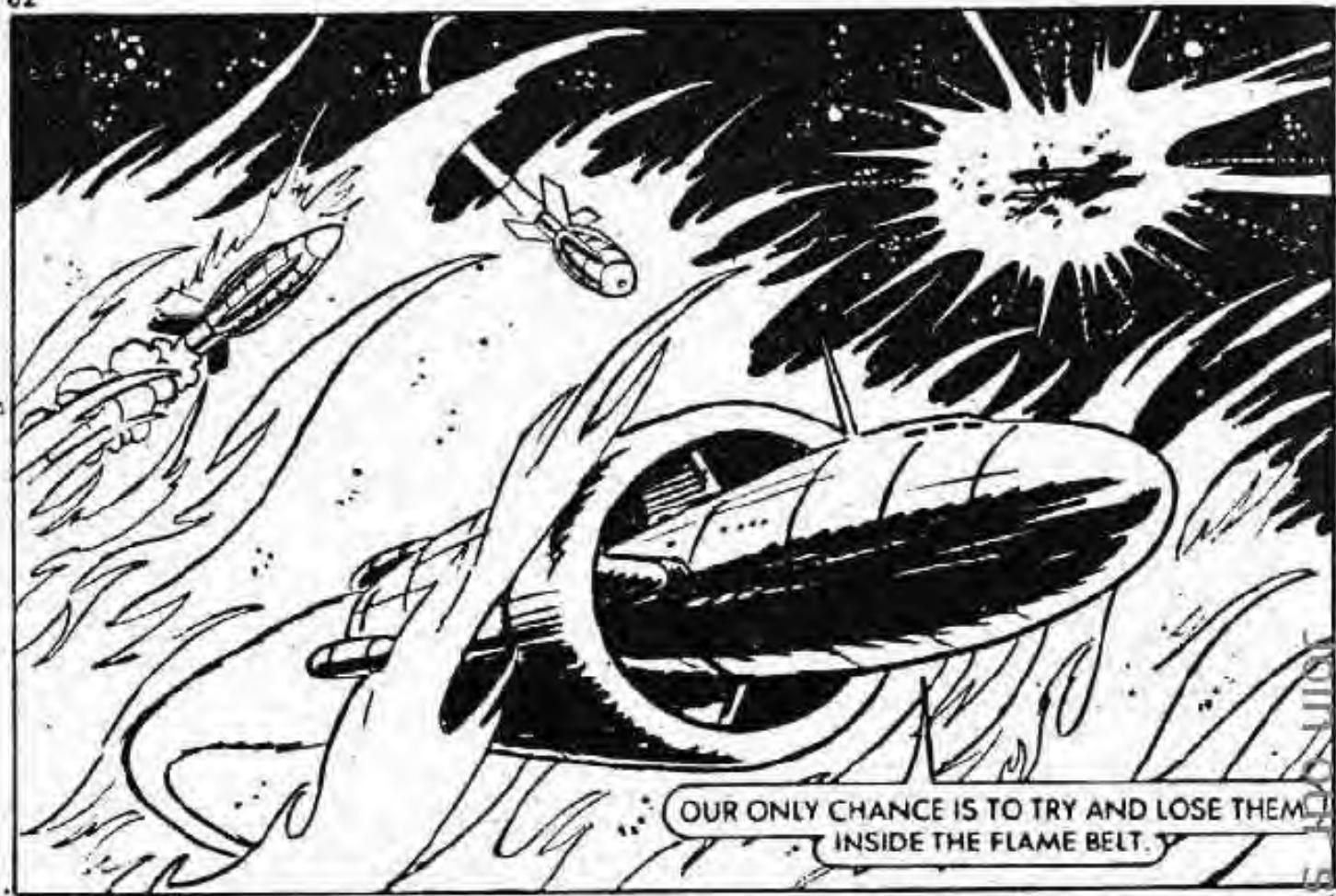


AS KRIS REACHED HIS SHIP, THERE WAS A TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION BEHIND HIM...

THE DELTANS HAVE  
SEEN THE SHIP!

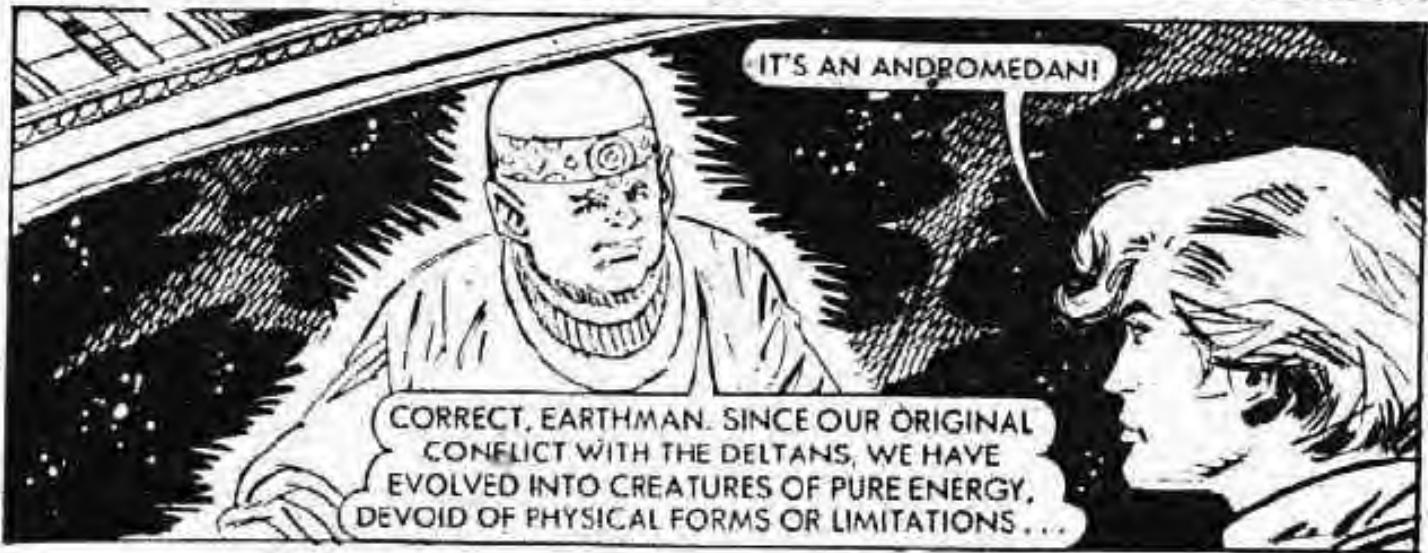
THE SHIP SHOT SKYWARD...

TIME WE WEREN'T HERE...



THE SPACECRAFT MOVED IN AND OUT OF THE FLAME BELT.





... IT WAS HOPED THAT CONFINEMENT TO ONE PLANET WOULD FORCE THE DELTANS TO ABANDON THEIR WAR-LIKE INSTINCTS — BUT THIS HAS NOT HAPPENED. IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO REMOVE THE THREAT FOR GOOD.



THE ANDROMEDAN SET UP A NULL ENERGY FIELD AROUND THE DELTAN CRAFT.

COMMANDER, OUR SHIP HAS LOST ALL POWER!



WITH NO POWER, THE DELTAN SHIPS' SHIELDS COLLAPSED.

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IT'S INCREDIBLE . . . THE WHOLE  
PLANET IS DISAPPEARING!

IT IS BEING REMOVED TO ANOTHER  
SPACE-TIME. THE DELTAN MENACE  
WILL NEVER AGAIN THREATEN ANY  
UNIVERSE.

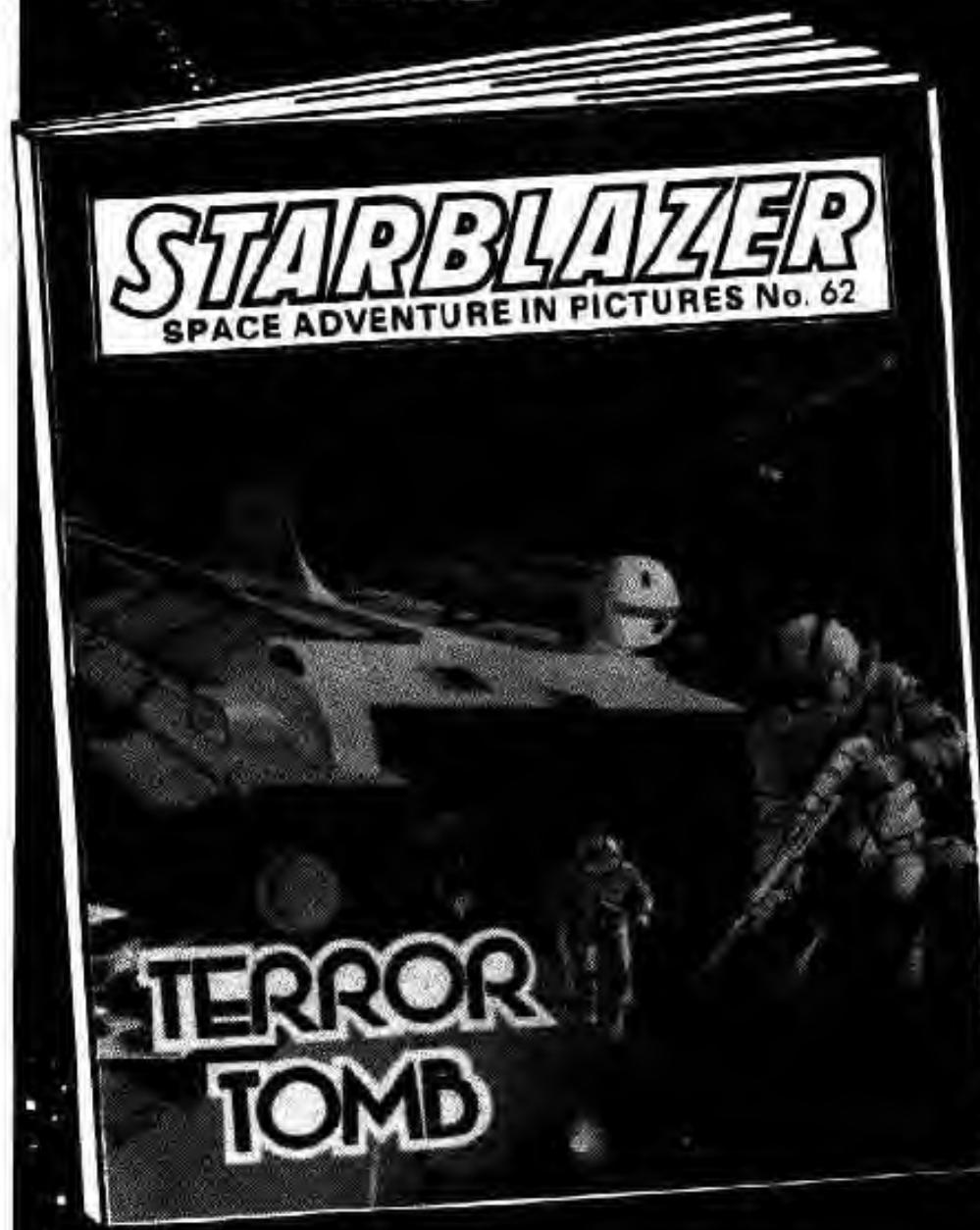


AS DELTA VANISHED FROM EXISTENCE, THE IMAGE OF THE ANDROMEDAN FADED FROM VIEW.

YOUR RACE WILL ONE DAY EVOLVE TO OUR LEVEL.  
UNTIL THAT TIME, WE LEAVE YOU AS THE GUARDIANS  
OF PEACE IN THIS SECTOR. YOU HAVE SHOWN THAT  
YOU HAVE HUMANE TENDENCIES . . . WE SHALL  
MONITOR YOUR PROGRESS.



NOW THAT YOU'VE READ  
THIS



DON'T  
FORGET  
THAT  
THERE'S  
ANOTHER  
ONE THIS  
MONTH

IT'S ON SALE IN  
YOUR NEWSAGENT'S NOW!

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